



AGENDA ITEM

Lacombe Athletic Park Track and Field Expansion

Policy RC(1) Funding Request

December 16, 2021

BACKGROUND

Representatives of the Lacombe Athletic Park Association (LAPA) attended the September 9, 2021 Council meeting to provide 1) an update on their Field House Expansion project, 2) a presentation in support of their request for County funding support of phase 2 of their project being the Track and Field Expansion.

A copy of their Track and Field Expansion project presentation and their Policy RC(1) application is attached.

The total cost of this project is \$2.7 million with proposed funding sources being as follows:

Community Facilities Enhancement Program (CFEP)	\$1,000,000
Canadian Communities Revitalization Fund (CCRF)	\$500,000
City of Lacombe	\$500,000
Lacombe County	\$500,000
LAPA Marketing & Fundraising Plan	<u>\$200,000</u>
 Total	 \$2,700,000

As shown in the chart above LAPA is requesting that the City and County each contribute \$500,000 towards this project. LAPA has indicated that they would be supportive of the County providing work-in-kind as all or a portion of our contribution to this project.

On November 30th LAPA representatives provided a presentation on their proposed project to the City of Lacombe – Lacombe County joint Council meeting as required by the newly developed process for the City of Lacombe and Lacombe County considering funding requests for community group projects. The next step in the process is for City and County Councils to meet independently from each other to discuss the proposal and subsequently reconvene another City and County joint meeting to further discuss the request.



ANALYSIS

The City of Lacombe has included \$500,000 for this project in their 10-year capital plan (\$250,000 in 2022 and \$250,000 in 2023). At their December 6, 2021 Lacombe City Council formally approved their 2022 contribution.

Lacombe County has supported previous capital components of the LAPA facility as follows:

Phases 1 & 2: Field House, Field and Lighting	\$100,000 (Cash) \$397,052 (In-kind Work)
Phase 3: Artificial Turf for Field	\$100,000 (In-kind Work) \$200,000 (Cash)
Basketball Court	<u>\$44,078</u> (In-kind Work)
Total	\$841,130

In addition to the above Lacombe County has provided \$30,000 per year in operational support cash since 2012.

This project is deemed eligible as it satisfies the required elements of Lacombe County Policy RC(1) Capital Support of Recreation and Cultural Facilities with funding levels and criteria being:

1. County resident use of the facility and projected growth of the County and the urban municipality(s) being used to establish the level of support, up to a maximum of 50% of the total project cost, and
2. The urban municipality in which the facility is located in must contribute to the project in an amount reflective of its residents' use of the facility, and
3. If the facility is owned or operated by an organization other than a municipality, that organization must contributed a minimum of 15% of the total project cost, in cash funds, through fundraising activities, donations and grants.

Section 6(c)(ii) of Policy RC(1) authorizes Council to provide capital support at levels exceeding the limits of this policy. A copy of Policy RC(1) is attached.

With respect to Lacombe County resident usage of this facility we have not yet determined the ratio of Lacombe County versus City of Lacombe students attending schools in the City of Lacombe. We will strive to have this information by the time of the



Council meeting. Notwithstanding, when the facility was initially constructed it was estimated that Lacombe County resident usership of the facility was between 30% and 35%. Population changes in the County and City since that time may have impacted this ratio.

Alternatives:

1. Approve the request as presented.
2. Accept this report for information and defer consideration of the LAPA request until after the second City of Lacombe – Lacombe County joint Council meeting. (Administrative recommendation)
3. Take other action(s) as determined by Council.

BUDGET IMPLICATIONS

County support of the LAPA project would be funded through the Recreation Capital Assistance Reserve which has a projected 2021 year-end balance of \$2,730,712.

LEGISLATIVE RESPONSIBILITIES

Lacombe County Policy RC(1) - Capital Support of Recreation and Cultural Facilities.

Section 3 of the Municipal Government Act (MGA) states the purposes of a municipality are: 1) to provide good government, 2) to provide services, facilities or other things that, in the opinion of council, are necessary or desirable for all or part of the municipality, and 3) to develop and maintain safe and viable communities.

Section 180(1) of the MGA states that council may only act by resolution or bylaw.

Section 248(1)(a) of the MGA states that a municipality may only make an expenditure that is included in an operating budget, interim operating budget or capital budget unless otherwise authorized by Council.



RECOMMENDATION

That Council approve the following resolution:

That the report regarding the Lacombe Athletic Park Association request for Lacombe County financial support of their Track and Field Expansion project be received for information and furthermore, that consideration of this request be deferred until after the second City of Lacombe – Lacombe County joint Council meeting as per the Community Groups – Facility Capital and Operating Funding Requests process as required by the City of Lacombe/Lacombe County Operational Cost-sharing Agreement.

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