



## AGENDA ITEM

City of Lacombe/Lacombe County

Alberta Community Partnership Program Grant

South Ring Road Connector Functional Plan

**November 30, 2021**

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### **BACKGROUND**

City Administration met with Lacombe County Administration to discuss the potential to develop a South Ring Road Connector Functional Plan in 2022 through an Alberta Community Partnership Program (ACP) Grant. The City has identified a south “ring road” concept as an option for moving traffic away from 50<sup>th</sup> Avenue (Highway 12) in their Transportation Master Plan (Attached Figure 1). This ring road is also identified as a future option in the Lacombe County/City of Lacombe Intermunicipal Development Plan. The ring road has been identified to move traffic around the City avoiding the constrictions in the downtown. The alignment is not yet confirmed due to impacts to the Federal and Provincial agricultural research lands.

The City has proposed that our two municipalities partner on the ACP Grant through the Intermunicipal Collaboration stream for the purpose of hiring a consultant to undertake a South Ring Road Connector Functional Plan. The City would be the managing partner for the project and the ACP grant.

### **ANALYSIS**

The City of Lacombe has identified a potential ring road at a high level in their Transportation Master Plan. The potential for this future ring road was also identified in the Lacombe County/City of Lacombe Intermunicipal Development Plan. The City wishes to advance the ring road concept to a “functional” planning stage with the purpose of:

- engaging important stakeholders like representatives from the Provincial and Federal Research Stations and Lacombe County,
- identifying the land requirements for the route, and
- estimating land and roadway development costs, and possible funding sources or mechanisms.



The Intermunicipal Collaboration stream of the ACP grant allows for applications for partnerships of two or more municipalities to develop regional plans, service delivery frameworks and regional service delivery efficiencies. The ACP grant application deadline is January 5, 2022.

**BUDGET IMPLICATIONS**

The ACP grant will cover 100% of the project costs up to \$200,000. There is no requirement for the municipality to provide matching funds. The City of Lacombe proposes to apply for the grant through the Intermunicipal Collaboration program stream in partnership with the County.

**LEGISLATIVE RESPONSIBILITIES**

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 201(1) of the MGA states that a council is responsible for

- (a) developing and evaluating the policies and programs of the municipality, and
- (c) carrying out the powers, duties and functions expressly given to it under this or any other enactment.

**RECOMMENDATION**

That Council approve the following resolution:

That Lacombe County agree to participate in the Alberta Community Partnership Grant application with the City of Lacombe for the development of a South Ring Road Connector Functional Plan, and furthermore, agree that the City of Lacombe be designated as the managing partner for this project.

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