



AGENDA ITEM

Burbank Campground

October 14, 2021

BACKGROUND

At the September 23, 2021, regular Council meeting, the Lacombe Fish and Game Association (LFGA) made a presentation in support of their request to:

- 1) install up to 10 powered sites on a County municipal reserve at the Burbank Campground which would include power, a gravel pad, and the option for installing temporary, movable structures, and
- 2) extend their lease of this municipal reserve for an additional 20-year term.

Action requested of Council is consideration of these requests.

ANALYSIS

The addition of these powered sites would reduce the usage of generators on-site, reducing unwanted noise for the campground's neighbors. It would also increase available camping sites for LFGA, as camping areas were lost when the north municipal reserve was turned strictly into a day-use area.

Rather than extending the current lease, we are recommending that the current lease be canceled, and the County enter a new 20-year lease with the LFGA. Section 674(1) of the MGA requires that a public hearing be held before entering a lease on a municipal reserve. We are recommending that a public hearing be held on November 25, 2021.

ALTERNATIVES

1. Council does not approve the installation of up to 10 powered sites and not considering extending the lease.
2. Council approves the installation of up to 10 powered sites and set a date for the public hearing regarding the municipal reserve lease. (Administration recommendation)
3. Take other action(s) as directed by Council.



BUDGET IMPLICATIONS

There are no budget implications associated with this Agenda Item.

LEGISLATIVE RESPONSIBILITIES

Section 3 of the Municipal Government Act (MGA) states the purposes of a municipality are:

- a) to provide good government,
- b) 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
- c) to develop and maintain safe and viable communities

Section 674(1) of the MGA states that before any of the following occurs, a public hearing must be held in accordance with section 230 and advertised in accordance with section 606:

- a) the sale, lease or other disposal of
 - i. municipal reserve, community services or municipal and school reserve by a council

STRATEGIC PLAN

The following elements of the County's Strategic Plan are relevant to this issue:

Strategy 2: Environment

- a) Protect the Environment

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Pursuant to *Policy AD(40): Public Participation Policy* the appropriate level of engagement for each public participation opportunity is selected on a project-to-project basis. For this item the following engagement will take place:

- *Inform*: To provide the public with balanced and objective information to assist them in understanding the problem, alternatives, opportunities and/or solutions.

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RECOMMENDATION

That Council approve the following resolutions:

1. That the Lacombe Fish and Game Association's request to install up to 10 powered sites on Lacombe County Municipal Reserve described as Plan 8021368, Block 1, Lot 2 MR (Burbank Campground) be approved.
2. That a public hearing regarding the Lacombe Fish and Game Association's proposal to lease Lacombe County Municipal Reserve described as Plan 8021368, Block 1, Lot 2 MR (Burbank Campground) for a 20-year term be set for 10:30 a.m. on November 10, 2021.

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