



AGENDA ITEM

Lacombe Fish & Game Association

Letter of Support – Len Thompson Fish Pond Dock Project

BACKGROUND

At the December 1st, 2021 Joint Council Meeting of the City of Lacombe and Lacombe County, the Lacombe Fish and Game Association (LFGA) presented an update on their activities for the year. As part of this review, the Association presented the two Councils with a proposal to construct a larger more accessible dock at the Len Thompson Fish Pond. The presentation from the December 1st meeting is included for reference.

The Association wishes to proceed with the project and is seeking a letter of support from both Council as part of the grant acquisition process.

ANALYSIS

The Association is intending to apply for a Community Facility Enhancement Program grant. This Provincial grant could provide up to \$115,000 toward the project. The Association has indicated that the project budget is \$320,000. The budget has been increased to take into consideration rising material costs and GST. This is higher than originally presented and would reflect Option 3 in the presentation. A copy of the proposed budget is included.

The Association is not asking for a financial commitment from the County or the City at this point, although given the proposed budget provided by the Association such an ask is likely. Any request for funding from the County would come through the County's RC(1) Capital project grant funding policy.

The Association is hoping to meet the first deadline for the CFEP program which is January 15th, 2022, thus there is some urgency in this request.

The City of Lacombe will be considering a similar request at their January 10, 2022 meeting. As owners of the property, the City's support will be a requirement in order for the Association to submit an application to the grant program. A copy of the proposed letter of support is included.



Alternatives:

1. Endorse the letter of support as attached (Administrative recommendation)
2. Take other action(s) as determined by Council.

BUDGET IMPLICATIONS

No impact on budget at this time as no request for funding is sought.

LEGISLATIVE RESPONSIBILITIES

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

RECOMMENDATION

That Council approve a letter of support to the Lacombe Fish and Game Association's for its Len Thompson Fish Pond Dock Project.

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