



Regular Council Meeting Agenda

October 23, 2018, 9:00 AM

Council Chambers

4912 - 50 Avenue

Kitscoty Alberta, Canada

Pages

1. CALL TO ORDER
2. OPENING INSPIRATION
3. ADDITIONS TO AGENDA
4. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Recommendation:

THAT the County of Vermilion River approve the October 23, 2018 Regular Council Meeting Agenda as presented.

5. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

5.a REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

Recommendation:

THAT the County of Vermilion River approve the October 9, 2018 Regular Council Meeting Minutes as presented.

5.b POLICY & PRIORITY COMMITTEE MEETING

Recommendation:

THAT the County of Vermilion River approve the October 17, 2018 Policy and Priorities Committee Meeting Minutes as presented.

6. APPOINTMENTS
7. BUSINESS ARISING OUT OF PRIOR MEETINGS

8. COUNCIL NEW BUSINESS

8.a CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER REPORT

Recommendation:

THAT the County of Vermilion River receive the Chief Administrative Officer's Report for information.

8.b FINANCE

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Recommendation:

THAT the County of Vermilion River receive the October 23, 2018 Cheque Distribution Report for information.

August 2018 Municipal Financial Report – For Information

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Recommendation:

THAT the County of Vermilion River receive the August 2018 Municipal Financial Report for information.

APPLICATION FOR THE ALBERTA COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP GRANT PROGRAM – MOTION REQUIRED

11

Recommendation:

THAT the County of Vermilion River support the applications for additional funding from the Alberta Community Partnership Grant Program to assist in funding the costs associated with facilitators during the annexation negotiation process.

**TAX RECOVERY AUCTION RESERVE BID – MOTION
REQUIRED**

49

Recommendation:

THAT the County of Vermilion River set the Tax Recovery
Auction Reserve Bid for Lot 2, Block 1, Plan 2129EO at

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THAT the County of Vermilion River set the Tax Recovery
Auction Reserve Bid for Lot 6, Block 10, Plan 8322367 at

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THAT the County of Vermilion River set the Tax Recovery
Auction Reserve Bid for Lot 16, Block 2, Plan 0226627 at

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THAT the County of Vermilion River set the Tax Recovery
Auction Reserve Bid for Lot 14, Block 2, Plan 0226627 at

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THAT the County of Vermilion River set the Tax Recovery
Auction Reserve Bid for Lot 4, Block 6, Plan 2338EO at

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Request for Information

8.c PUBLIC WORKS AND UTILITIES

Request for Information

8.d NATURAL GAS UTILITY

Request for Information

8.e AGRICULTURE AND ENVIRONMENT

Request for Information

8.f PROTECTIVE SERVICES

Request for Information

8.g PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT

TOURISM GROWTH INNOVATION FUND – MOTION REQUIRED

52

Recommendation:

THAT the County of Vermilion River direct administration to apply for the Tourism Growth Innovation Fund to complete a Destination Development: Tourism Opportunity Assessment project with the municipal contribution to be funded by the Economic Development Reserve.

Request for Information

8.h GENERAL ADMINISTRATION

REQUEST FOR FUNDING FROM MARWAYNE JUBILEE SCHOOL – MOTION REQUIRED

60

Recommendation:

THAT the County of Vermilion River approve the Request for Funding from the Marwayne Jubilee School in the amount of \$5,000 to be funded from the Cash in Lieu of School Reserve.

Request for Information

9. POLICIES

10. BYLAWS

11. DELEGATIONS / PUBLIC HEARINGS

12. DISPOSITION OF DELEGATION BUSINESS

13. NOTICES OF MOTION

14. COUNCIL REPORTS

15. CLOSED SESSION - CONFIDENTIAL

FOIP Legal Section 24 (1) - Review of Advice from Officials - Pro Active Fraud Risk Assessment Audit

16. ADJOURNMENT

MEETING DATE: OCTOBER 23, 2018

BRIEFING NOTE - TO COUNCIL

SUBJECT

October 23, 2018 Cheque Distribution Report – For Information

RECOMMENDATION

THAT the County of Vermilion River receive the October 23, 2018 Cheque Distribution Report for information.

PREPARED BY: VIREN TAILOR

DATE: October 11, 2018

MEETING DATE: OCTOBER 23, 2018

BRIEFING NOTE - TO COUNCIL

SUBJECT

August 2018 Municipal Financial Report – For Information

RECOMMENDATION

THAT the County of Vermilion River receive the August 2018 Municipal Financial Report for information.

ATTACHMENTS

August 2018 Municipal Financial Report

PREPARED BY: Bill Yusep

DATE: October 16, 2018

COUNTY OF VERMILION RIVER
SUMMARY

ALL FUNCTIONS

	<u>Revenue</u>		<u>Expenditures</u>		<u>Adjustments</u>		<u>Net</u>		
	ACTUAL 2018	BUDGET 2018	ACTUAL 2018	BUDGET 2018	ACTUAL ADJ 2018	BUDGET ADJ 2018	ACTUAL 2018	BUDGET 2018	VARIANCE BUDGET-ACTUAL
TAXES	\$ (33,354,623)	\$ (33,368,914)	\$ 6,547,229	\$ 9,960,938	\$ -	\$ 182,925	\$ (26,807,394)	\$ (23,225,051)	\$ 3,582,343
00-GENERAL	\$ (878,340)	\$ (595,551)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ (878,340)	\$ (595,551)	\$ 282,789
11-LEGISLATIVE	\$ (22,500)	\$ (45,000)	\$ 370,135	\$ 564,621	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 347,635	\$ 519,621	\$ 171,986
12-ADMINISTRATION	\$ (210,019)	\$ (211,194)	\$ 1,962,072	\$ 2,675,330	\$ 131,425	\$ 230,000	\$ 1,883,479	\$ 2,694,136	\$ 810,657
21-ENFORCEMENT SERVICES	\$ (188,770)	\$ (351,886)	\$ 311,172	\$ 553,049	\$ 120,216	\$ 15,000	\$ 242,618	\$ 216,163	\$ (26,455)
23-FIRE PROTECTION	\$ (1,052,770)	\$ (1,100,850)	\$ 352,284	\$ 1,043,850	\$ 47,856	\$ 57,000	\$ (652,630)	\$ -	\$ 652,630
24-DIS & EMERG SERV	\$ (5,850)	\$ (46,150)	\$ 117,134	\$ 276,278	\$ -	\$ 4,400	\$ 111,284	\$ 234,528	\$ 123,244
26-DOG CONTROL	\$ (2,270)	\$ (5,177)	\$ 13,971	\$ 25,895	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 11,701	\$ 20,719	\$ 9,018
27-RAT CONTROL	\$ (75,025)	\$ (100,000)	\$ 63,548	\$ 107,000	\$ -	\$ (1,000)	\$ (11,477)	\$ 6,000	\$ 17,477
31-PUBLIC WORKS	\$ (808,575)	\$ (6,018,259)	\$ 8,904,200	\$ 29,032,289	\$ 4,833,891	\$ (4,413,550)	\$ 12,929,517	\$ 18,600,481	\$ 5,670,964
41-42 -WATER, WELLS & SEWER	\$ (306,365)	\$ (444,214)	\$ 300,641	\$ 559,319	\$ 221,263	\$ (75,945)	\$ 215,539	\$ 39,160	\$ (176,379)
43-WASTE MGMT	\$ (681,728)	\$ (693,918)	\$ 428,353	\$ 566,869	\$ -	\$ 127,049	\$ (253,375)	\$ (0)	\$ 253,375
51-FCSS	\$ (177,172)	\$ (232,316)	\$ 252,482	\$ 293,880	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 75,310	\$ 61,564	\$ (13,745)
56-CEMETERY	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 4,250	\$ 9,500	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 4,250	\$ 9,500	\$ 5,250
61-PLAN & DEV	\$ (101,611)	\$ (782,614)	\$ 471,115	\$ 1,456,577	\$ -	\$ (60,000)	\$ 369,504	\$ 613,963	\$ 244,459
62-AGRICULTURE	\$ (202,527)	\$ (342,619)	\$ 529,787	\$ 994,370	\$ -	\$ (15,000)	\$ 327,261	\$ 636,751	\$ 309,490
63-ENVIRONMENT MGMT	\$ -	\$ (197,527)	\$ 96,280	\$ 258,535	\$ -	\$ 90,000	\$ 96,280	\$ 151,008	\$ 54,728
69-RENTAL LAND/BLDG	\$ (107,875)	\$ (939,000)	\$ 26,342	\$ 26,000	\$ 2,083,839	\$ 913,000	\$ 2,002,306	\$ -	\$ (2,002,306)
72-RECREATION	\$ (844,491)	\$ (844,513)	\$ 31,816	\$ 630,563	\$ 53,228	\$ 213,951	\$ (759,448)	\$ -	\$ 759,448
74-LIBRARY	\$ (83,827)	\$ (93,327)	\$ 83,827	\$ 93,327	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
TOTAL	\$ (39,104,338)	\$ (46,413,029)	\$ 20,866,638	\$ 49,128,190	\$ 7,491,719	\$ (2,732,170)	\$ (10,745,981)	\$ (17,009)	\$ 10,728,972

(SURPLUS)
DEFICIT

		ACTUAL 2018	BUDGET 2018	Variance
REVENUE:				
1	Taxes	\$ (33,354,623)	\$ (33,368,914)	\$ (14,291)
2	General Revenue	\$ (878,340)	\$ (595,551)	\$ 282,789
3	Regional Governance	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
4	Legislative	\$ (22,500)	\$ (45,000)	\$ (22,500)
5	Administration	\$ (210,019)	\$ (211,194)	\$ (1,176)
6	Enforcement Services	\$ (188,770)	\$ (351,886)	\$ (163,116)
7	Fire	\$ (1,052,770)	\$ (1,100,850)	\$ (48,080)
8	Emergency & Disaster	\$ (5,850)	\$ (46,150)	\$ (40,300)
9	Dog Control	\$ (2,270)	\$ (5,177)	\$ (2,907)
10	Rat Control	\$ (75,025)	\$ (100,000)	\$ (24,975)
11	Public Works			
12	General	\$ (114,554)	\$ (167,813)	\$ (53,259)
13	Costs Shared Projects	\$ (19,511)	\$ (124,955)	\$ (105,444)
14	Dust Control and Road Maintenance	\$ (4,253)	\$ (370,000)	\$ (365,747)
15	Grants	\$ (2,036)	\$ (3,605,491)	\$ (3,603,455)
16	Shop Recovery	\$ (668,220)	\$ (1,750,000)	\$ (1,081,780)
17	Subtotal	\$ (808,575)	\$ (6,018,259)	\$ (5,209,684)
18	Water & Sewer			
19	Blackfoot	\$ (130,202)	\$ (169,109)	\$ (38,908)
20	Clandonald	\$ (57,623)	\$ (86,958)	\$ (29,335)
21	Islay	\$ (81,851)	\$ (123,983)	\$ (42,132)
22	McLaughlin	\$ (12,574)	\$ (22,433)	\$ (9,859)
23	Rivercourse	\$ (4,906)	\$ (7,181)	\$ (2,275)
24	Villages	\$ (840)	\$ (4,000)	\$ (3,160)
25	Drainage	\$ -	\$ (10,050)	\$ (10,050)
26	Water Wells	\$ (18,370)	\$ (20,500)	\$ (2,130)
27	Subtotal	\$ (306,365)	\$ (444,214)	\$ (137,848)
28				
29	Waste Management	\$ (681,728)	\$ (693,918)	\$ (12,190)
30	FCSS	\$ (177,172)	\$ (232,316)	\$ (55,144)
31	Cemetery	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
32	Planning & Development	\$ (101,611)	\$ (782,614)	\$ (681,003)
33	Agriculture	\$ (202,527)	\$ (342,619)	\$ (140,092)
34	Environment	\$ -	\$ (197,527)	\$ (197,527)
35	Land/Buildings	\$ (107,875)	\$ (939,000)	\$ (831,125)
36	Recreation	\$ (844,491)	\$ (844,513)	\$ (22)
37	Library	\$ (83,827)	\$ (93,327)	\$ (9,500)
38	TOTAL REVENUE:	\$ (39,104,338)	\$ (46,413,029)	\$ (7,308,691)
39				
40	EXPENDITURES:			
41	General			
42	Regional Governance	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
43	Legislation	\$ 370,135	\$ 564,621	\$ 194,486
44	Administration			
45	General	\$ 1,317,028	\$ 1,504,920	\$ 187,892
46				
47	Office/Information System	\$ 594,428	\$ 930,814	\$ 336,386
48	Economic Development	\$ 32,951	\$ 54,639	\$ 21,688
49				
50	Safety	\$ 17,665	\$ 29,956	\$ 12,291
51	Depreciation	\$ -	\$ 155,000	\$ 155,000
52	Sub Total	\$ 1,962,072	\$ 2,675,330	\$ 713,258
53				
54	Enforcement Services	\$ 311,172	\$ 553,049	\$ 241,877
55	Fire			
56	General	\$ 180,877	\$ 598,432	\$ 417,555
57	Clandonald	\$ 13,644	\$ 54,602	\$ 40,957
58	Dewberry	\$ 4,387	\$ 43,451	\$ 39,064
59	Kitscoty	\$ 23,702	\$ 47,287	\$ 23,585
60	Vermilion	\$ 65,220	\$ 122,823	\$ 57,603
61	Paradise Valley	\$ 32,327	\$ 52,577	\$ 20,250
62	Islay	\$ 10,886	\$ 31,985	\$ 21,099
63	Blackfoot	\$ 18,719	\$ 55,694	\$ 36,975
64	Marwayne	\$ 2,522	\$ 37,000	\$ 34,479
65	Sub Total	\$ 352,284	\$ 1,043,850	\$ 691,566
66				

		ACTUAL 2018	BUDGET 2018	Variance
67	Emergency & Disaster	\$ 117,134	\$ 276,278	\$ 159,144
68	Dog Control	\$ 13,971	\$ 25,895	\$ 11,924
69	Rat Control	\$ 63,548	\$ 107,000	\$ 43,452
70	<u>Public Works</u>			
71	General	\$ 498,423	\$ 1,067,225	\$ 568,802
72	Safety	\$ 76,623	\$ 144,672	\$ 68,049
73	Facilities	\$ 31,596	\$ 35,206	\$ 3,610
74	Shop	\$ 331,123	\$ 755,001	\$ 423,878
75	Grader Sheds	\$ 51,596	\$ 95,491	\$ 43,895
76	Equipment Operational Costs	\$ 1,393,128	\$ 2,102,516	\$ 709,388
77	Road Maintenance	\$ 1,240,625	\$ 2,250,142	\$ 1,009,518
78	Winter Maintenance	\$ 968,176	\$ 1,460,123	\$ 491,947
79	Gravel	\$ 3,067,390	\$ 3,010,995	\$ (56,395)
80	Hamlets	\$ 49,598	\$ 179,794	\$ 130,196
81	Subdivisions	\$ 8,070	\$ 155,000	\$ 146,930
82	Local Priorities	\$ 29,895	\$ 661,588	\$ 631,693
83	Drainage Ditches	\$ 2,257	\$ 363,000	\$ 360,743
84	Emergent Projects	\$ -	\$ 50,000	\$ 50,000
	Bridge Maintenance & Inspection	\$ 2,227	\$ 239,500	
85	Cold Mix Overlays and Patching	\$ 77,182	\$ 350,000	\$ 272,818
86	Dust Control - Residential and Chemical	\$ 1,076,290	\$ 1,112,036	\$ 35,746
91	Depreciation/Gain-Loss/Contr Assets	\$ -	\$ 15,000,000	
92	Sub Total	\$ 8,904,200	\$ 29,032,289	\$ 4,890,816
93	<u>Water & Sewer</u>			
94	Blackfoot	\$ 85,635	\$ 238,020	\$ 152,385
95	Clandonald	\$ 52,177	\$ 75,469	\$ 23,291
96	Islay	\$ 84,941	\$ 104,100	\$ 19,159
97	McLaughlin	\$ 13,450	\$ 15,748	\$ 2,298
98	Rivercourse	\$ 6,162	\$ 6,895	\$ 733
99	Villages	\$ 2,301	\$ 3,121	\$ 820
100	Drainage	\$ 2,702	\$ 8,500	\$ 5,798
101	Water Wells	\$ 53,274	\$ 107,467	\$ 54,193
102	Sub Total	\$ 300,641	\$ 559,319	\$ 258,678
103				
104	Waste Management	\$ 428,353	\$ 566,869	\$ 138,516
105	FCSS	\$ 252,482	\$ 293,880	\$ 41,399
106	Cemetery	\$ 4,250	\$ 9,500	\$ 5,250
107				
108	<u>Planning & Development</u>			
109	General	\$ 380,578	\$ 707,701	\$ 327,123
110	Annexation	\$ 71,248	\$ 250,000	\$ 178,752
111	Safety Codes	\$ 17,767	\$ 350,000	\$ 332,233
112	Development Projects	\$ 940	\$ 110,000	\$ 109,060
113	Appeal Board	\$ 582	\$ 38,876	\$ 38,294
114	Sub Total	\$ 471,115	\$ 1,456,577	\$ 985,462
115				
116	<u>Agriculture</u>			
117	General	\$ 204,320	\$ 173,242	\$ (31,078)
118	Weed Control	\$ 37,126	\$ 220,084	\$ 182,959
119	Aesa	\$ 41,031	\$ 68,760	\$ 27,729
120	Extension Programs	\$ 4,155	\$ 8,421	\$ 4,267
121	Tree Planting	\$ -	\$ 2,030	\$ 2,030
122	Pest Control	\$ 38,768	\$ 104,751	\$ 65,983
123	Road Side Seeding	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
124	Pesticide Containers	\$ -	\$ 5,048	\$ 5,048
125	Brush Spraying	\$ 136,352	\$ 156,900	\$ 20,548
126	Alus	\$ 59,002	\$ 150,470	\$ 91,468
127	Alus Regional Collaboration Project	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
128	Safety	\$ 9,033	\$ 21,662	\$ 12,630
129	Hamlet Revitalization	\$ -	\$ 7,000	\$ 7,000
130	Depreciation/Gain-Loss/Contr Assets	\$ -	\$ 76,000	\$ 76,000
131	Subtotal	\$ 529,787	\$ 994,370	\$ 464,583
132				

		ACTUAL 2018	BUDGET 2018	Variance
133	<u>Environmental Management</u>			
134	General	\$ 73,066	\$ 52,998	\$ (20,068)
135	Green Acreages Pilot	\$ 51	\$ 3,010	\$ 2,959
136	Wet Lands	\$ 21,186	\$ 197,527	\$ 176,340
137	W. Garfield Weston Foundation	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
138	Monitoring and Protection	\$ 1,977	\$ 5,000	\$ 3,023
139	Subtotal	\$ 96,280	\$ 258,535	\$ 162,255
140				
141	Land/Buildings	\$ 26,342	\$ 26,000	\$ (342)
142	<u>Recreation</u>			
143	General	\$ 31,610	\$ 625,363	\$ 593,753
144	Lindsay Evans Park	\$ 206	\$ 5,200	\$ 4,994
145	McNabb Wildlife Park	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
146	Subtotal	\$ 31,816	\$ 630,563	\$ 598,747
147				
148	Library	\$ 83,827	\$ 93,327	\$ 9,500
149	<u>Requisitions</u>			
150	School	\$ 3,977,648	\$ 7,351,665	\$ 3,374,017
151	Other Requisitions	\$ 2,569,581	\$ 2,609,273	\$ 39,692
151	Subtotal	\$ 6,547,229	\$ 9,960,938	\$ 3,413,709
152				
153	TOTAL EXPENDITURES:	\$ 20,866,638	\$ 49,128,190	\$ 28,261,552
154				
155	(SURPLUS)/DEFICIT	\$ (18,237,699)	\$ 2,715,161	\$ 20,952,861
156				
157				
158	Adjustments for Non PSA Revenue & Expenses			
159				
160	Taxes & General	\$ -	\$ 182,925	\$ 182,925
161	Administration	\$ 131,425	\$ 230,000	\$ 98,575
162	Enforcement Services	\$ 120,216	\$ 15,000	\$ (105,216)
163	Fire	\$ 47,856	\$ 57,000	\$ 9,144
164	Disaster	\$ -	\$ 4,400	\$ 4,400
165	Rat Control	\$ -	\$ (1,000)	\$ (1,000)
166	Public Works	\$ 4,833,891	\$ (4,413,550)	\$ (9,247,441)
167	Water and Sewer	\$ 221,263	\$ (75,945)	\$ (297,209)
168	Waste Management	\$ -	\$ 127,049	\$ 127,049
169	Planning and Development	\$ -	\$ (60,000)	\$ (60,000)
170	Agriculture	\$ -	\$ (15,000)	\$ (15,000)
171	Environment	\$ -	\$ 90,000	\$ 90,000
172	Recreation	\$ 53,228	\$ 213,951	\$ 160,723
173	Land	\$ 2,083,839	\$ 913,000	\$ (1,170,839)
174		\$ 7,491,719	\$ (2,732,170)	\$ (10,223,888)
175		\$ (10,745,981)	\$ (17,009)	\$ 10,728,972

MEETING DATE: OCTOBER 23, 2018

REQUEST FOR DECISION - TO COUNCIL

SUBJECT

**APPLICATION FOR THE ALBERTA COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP GRANT PROGRAM
– MOTION REQUIRED**

RECOMMENDATION

THAT the County of Vermilion River support the applications for additional funding from the Alberta Community Partnership Grant Program to assist in funding the costs associated with facilitators during the annexation negotiation process.

DETAILS

Background: The City of Lloydminster in July 2018 has motioned to proceed with the finalization of the Joint Regional Growth Study and is requesting the County of Vermilion support an application to Alberta Municipal Affairs under the Alberta Community Partnership program. The application for funding would go towards assistance with the remaining costs to complete the study.

The funding model from the Province of Alberta under the Mediation and Cooperative Processes (MCP) component of the ACP program provides funding to a maximum of \$15,000 which is one-third of the cost and the other two-thirds provided by the collaborating municipalities.

As it is identified below the County of Vermilion River has provided support for application to the Province of Alberta to assist with cost associated with facilitators for the Intermunicipal Steering Committee.

During the April 22, 2014 Regular Council Meeting Council made the following motion:

85-04-14: THAT the County of Vermilion River approve the use of facilitators, as chosen by the Intermunicipal Liaison Committee Members, for future annexations.

During the May 6, 2014 Regular Council Meeting, Council made the following motion:



13-05-14: THAT the County of Vermilion River receive the Alberta Community Partnership Grant Funding Approval Letter and the Annexation Examples as information.

Discussion: The goal of the Joint Regional Growth Study is to develop a mutually agreed upon and beneficial growth scenario for the regional area in and around the City of Lloydminster. Analysis completed during the Joint Regional Growth Study Process would inform future land requirements, as well as informing amendments to existing statutory plans within the County and the City.

Desired Outcome (s): THAT the County of Vermilion River support the applications for additional funding from Alberta Community Partnership program to assist joint funding for costs associated for facilitators during the annexation negotiation process.

Response Options: THAT the County of Vermilion River support the applications for additional funding from Alberta Community Partnership program to assist joint funding for costs associated for facilitators during the annexation negotiation process.

IMPLICATIONS OF RECOMMENDATION

Organizational: A letter of support provided to the City of Lloydminster to make the application to Alberta Municipal Affairs for funding.

Financial: The County of Vermilion River would contribute 1/3 of the cost of the facilitators with the other 2/3 coming from the City of Lloydminster and the Province of Alberta.

Communication Required: A Letter of support provided to the City of Lloydminster.

ATTACHMENTS

1. ACP Grant Guidelines

PREPARED BY: Director of Planning & Development

DATE: October 17, 2018

Alberta Community Partnership Program Guidelines

Effective April 1, 2018



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1. GUIDELINES

These guidelines are intended to assist applicants in completing ACP applications and financial reporting requirements for the 2018/19 program year (April 1, 2018 to March 31, 2019). Before applying, applicants should consider both the general program information supplied in the main part of the guidelines and the component-specific information in the schedule(s).

2. PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS FOR 2018/19

- The 2018/19 program year will be the final year that applicants will be able to submit their ACP applications via mail, fax or email. Going forward, all applicants and grant recipients will be required to submit their grant applications and statements of funding and expenditures (SFEs) through ACP Online (ACPO).
 - Access to ACPO is through MAConnect, the web portal that provides external stakeholders secure access to Municipal Affairs' key business applications.
 - Municipalities that already use MAConnect can request staff access to ACPO through the municipality's MAConnect Stakeholder Administrator. The Stakeholder Administrator is the person delegated to manage access to applications in MAConnect on behalf of the municipality through the MAConnect Stakeholder Agreement.
 - Section 4 outlines submission methods, including additional detail on ACPO and the Stakeholder Agreement.
 - Following this program year ACPO will be mandatory, so it is important to verify that you have access to ACPO through MAConnect.
- Intermunicipal Collaboration (IC) project eligibility continues to give priority to projects that focus on Intermunicipal Collaboration Frameworks and Intermunicipal Development Plans (see Schedules 1A and 1B).
 - IC component information has been updated to add clarity on project eligibility and submission of detailed project budgets.
 - IC applications are due by November 1, 2018.
- Applicants that receive funding under the Restructuring Study Stream (Infrastructure Study) of the Municipal Restructuring (MR) component will be required to use the Viability Review Infrastructure Terms of Reference template as part of their procurement documentation.
- The Cooperative Processes stream of the Mediation and Cooperative Processes (MCP) component continues to require applicants to match municipal contributions.
- The Municipal Internship (MI) application form has been changed for this program year. Applications are due September 1, 2018.
- The Local Land Use Planning (LLUP) component has been extended for this program year. Eligible applicants include those municipalities that did not receive funding for their Municipal Development Plan (MDP) under the LLUP or IC components in the 2017/18 program year.

3. KEY DATES AND CONTACTS

ACTIVITY	TIMELINE	QUESTIONS? CONTACT
Project Application Submission	Municipal Internship due September 1, 2018; Intermunicipal Collaboration due November 1, 2018; Local Land Use Planning due November 1, 2018; and Mediation and Cooperative Processes, Municipal Restructuring, and Strategic Initiatives accepted up to February 1, 2019.	Call a Grant Advisor at 780-422-7125 (toll-free 310-0000), or email acp.grants@gov.ab.ca
Statement of Funding and Expenditures (SFE)	Due within 60 days of project completion date identified in the conditional grant agreement.	Call a Grant Advisor at 780-422-7125 (toll-free 310-0000), or email acp.grants@gov.ab.ca
Communication and Project Recognition	Ongoing.	Call Communications at 780-427-8862 (toll-free 310-0000), or email acp.grants@gov.ab.ca

4. SUBMISSION METHODS

4.1 Alberta Community Partnership Online (ACPO)

ACPO is available through MAConnect. ACPO gives municipalities the ability to:

- create, edit, and submit ACP applications online;
- view and track the status of ACP applications;
- view agreement, payment, and reporting summary information for projects funded under ACP or the former Regional Collaboration Program (RCP); and
- create, edit and submit ACP or RCP SFEs.

Municipalities that already use MAConnect can request staff access to ACPO through the municipality's MAConnect Stakeholder Administrator. The Stakeholder Administrator is the person delegated to manage access to applications in MAConnect on behalf of the municipality through the MAConnect Stakeholder Agreement.

All current Stakeholder Administrators are able to submit an electronic request through their MAConnect dashboard to grant a staff member access to ACPO. If the municipality needs to assign another Stakeholder Administrator, a request can be emailed to ACPOaccess@gov.ab.ca.

Municipalities that do not have access to MAConnect will need to enter into a Stakeholder Agreement before requesting access to ACPO. The Stakeholder Agreement can be requested by emailing to ACPOaccess@gov.ab.ca or contacting 780-644-2413 (toll-free 310-0000). Once

the Stakeholder Agreement has been signed and returned to Municipal Affairs, the municipality will be able to request access to ACPO through their designated Stakeholder Administrator.

An ACPO help guide is available on the ACP program website at www.municipalaffairs.alberta.ca/alberta-community-partnership.

4.2 Other Submission Methods

Currently, ACP grant applications, project amendment/time extension requests and SFEs can be submitted by email, fax or mail. Fillable PDF forms are available on the ACP website at www.municipalaffairs.alberta.ca/alberta-community-partnership.

Email: acp.grants@gov.ab.ca

Fax: 780-422-9133

Mail: Attn: Regional Grant Programs
Alberta Municipal Affairs, Grants and Education Property Tax Branch
15th Floor, 10155 - 102 Street, Edmonton AB T5J 4L4

Going forward, all applicants will be required to submit their grant applications and reporting through ACPO.

5. PROGRAM OBJECTIVE

The objective of the ACP program is to improve the viability and long-term sustainability of municipalities by providing support for regional collaboration and capacity building initiatives.

The ACP program is designed to support municipalities in attaining the following key program outcomes:

- New or enhanced regional municipal services;
- Improved municipal capacity to respond to municipal and regional priorities; and
- Effective intermunicipal relations through joint and collaborative activities.

6. FUNDING COMPONENTS

Project funding is administered under six distinct funding components. Information regarding specific objectives, eligibility criteria, and other conditions for each component are found in Schedules 1-6.

Intermunicipal Collaboration (IC) (Schedule 1A)	• Develop regional land use plans and service delivery frameworks
Municipal Restructuring (MR) (Schedule 2)	• Explore regional governance and minimize costs associated with municipal restructuring processes such as amalgamation, dissolution, or viability reviews
Mediation and Cooperative Processes (MCP) (Schedule 3)	• Resolve intermunicipal conflict through dispute resolution alternatives and/or develop collaborative protocols
Municipal Internship (MI) (Schedule 4)	• Recruit and train interns to pursue senior administrator, finance officer, and land use planner positions in municipal government
Strategic Initiatives (SI) (Schedule 5)	• Support for initiatives that align with provincial priorities and address intermunicipal needs of strategic significance
Local Land Use Planning (LLUP) (Schedule 6)	• A limited term component which provides grants to municipalities with populations up to 3,500 that are creating MDPs for the first time.

7. ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

7.1 Eligible Applicants

Applicant Type	Funding Component(s)
Municipalities (cities, towns, villages, summer villages, municipal districts, specialized municipalities, special areas)	All*
Improvement Districts	IC, MCP, or SI
Métis Settlements	IC, MCP, or SI
Townsite of Redwood Meadows Administration Society	IC, MCP, or SI
Edmonton Metropolitan Region Board and Calgary Metropolitan Region Board	MI Land Use Planner or SI
Municipally-controlled planning service agencies	MI Land Use Planner

* Eligibility to apply under the MI streams is dependent on municipal population (see Schedule 4).

Eligibility to apply under the LLUP component is dependent on if the applicant was approved for funds in support of MDP development in the prior year, municipal population and that an MDP has not been adopted by bylaw prior to December 9, 2016 (see Schedule 6).

First Nations are eligible to participate under the IC component as non-managing, formal project partners on IC project applications. A band council resolution is required to confirm project participation.

The Minister may vary any program criteria, such as eligibility and application requirements, to respond to the Government of Alberta and Municipal Affairs' priorities.

7.2 Contributions to other Entities

Ineligible entities under the ACP include individuals, for-profit corporations, not-for-profit organizations, regional services commissions (excluding planning commissions), intermunicipal entities, and municipal subsidiary corporations (for-profit and not-for-profit).

Successful applicants may contract these entities to conduct project activities. In these instances, the contracted entity is not considered a project partner, and the applicant remains responsible for the use of the funds, achieving project outcomes, and reporting on activities related to the approved project.

7.3 Eligible Projects

Eligible project information is provided in the component schedules.

7.4 Ineligible Expenses

The following expenses are ineligible for all components:

- Existing and ongoing operational costs;
- Floodway mapping costs;
- Costs already funded under other grant programs; and

- Goods and Services Tax (GST).

See component schedules for additional details on ineligible expenses.

8. APPLICATION AND AMENDMENT PROCESS

8.1 Project Application

A separate application form is required for each project submission, available through ACPO or as a fillable PDF on the program website at www.municipalaffairs.alberta.ca/alberta-community-partnership.cfm.

Project applications can be submitted any time prior to the deadline(s) specified in Section 3.

PDF applications must be signed by the Chief Administrative Officer (CAO), or duly authorized authority, who certifies that the information is correct and in accordance with program guidelines.

Applications submitted through ACPO contain a certification statement to be completed by the authorized user, and do not require a signature.

8.2 Review and Approval Process

Each project application submitted to Municipal Affairs will be reviewed to ensure it meets the requirements outlined in these guidelines. Once a project is assessed, a recommendation is forwarded to the Minister of Municipal Affairs. All decisions by the Minister are final. Applicants will be advised in writing of the status of their submission, and a list of successful projects will be posted annually to the program website.

Project applications submitted under the IC component will be evaluated based on merit (see Schedule 1B), with scores assigned based only on the information provided in the application. Applicants should ensure all relevant sections of the form are completed, as incomplete applications may result in a lower score relative to other submitted applications. Funding decisions will be made by March 31 of the program year.

MI applications are due by September 1, 2018, IC applications are due by November 1, 2018, LLUP applications are due by November 1, 2018 and applications under the other funding components (i.e., MR, MCP, and SI) should be submitted by February 1, 2019 to be considered in the current program year. It is anticipated that applications will be processed and municipalities advised of project funding status in writing, within ten to twelve weeks following submission, or by March 31 of the program year.

9. FUNDING AGREEMENTS

9.1 Conditional Grant Agreement (CGA)

Following the Minister's approval of a project, successful applicants must enter into a CGA with Municipal Affairs. The CGA sets out the terms and conditions for the grant funding. This includes project start and end dates, project scope, grant payment conditions, and reporting requirements.

9.2 Amending an Agreement

If the project scope or time period to use grant funds change after project approval, an amendment is required. This can be requested by submitting an Amendment Request Form, available on the program website at www.municipalaffairs.alberta.ca/alberta-community-partnership.cfm. The amendment request should be submitted prior to the CGA project completion date. Questions regarding scope and time changes can be directed to a Grant Advisor.

10. TIME PERIOD TO USE GRANT FUNDS

The ACP program year is based on the provincial fiscal year which commences April 1. Grant funds can be retroactively applied to approved projects beginning April 1 of the current program year unless otherwise stipulated in the executed CGA. See component schedules for specific details regarding time periods to use grant funds.

11. USE OF OTHER GRANT FUNDS

ACP grants may be used in combination with funds from other provincial-municipal or federal-municipal grant programs, unless doing so is prohibited by the other program. Using ACP grant funds for costs covered by other programs, as per section 7.4, is not an allowable use of ACP funds.

If a grant recipient chooses to use multiple grant funding sources for a project, it is their responsibility to understand each grant program's specific funding requirements.

More information about specific requirements of provincial-municipal grant programs can be found on the respective program websites, accessible through the Municipal Grants Web Portal at <http://municipalaffairs.alberta.ca/municipalgrants.cfm>.

12. REQUIREMENTS FOR AWARD OF CONTRACT

All calls for proposals or tenders for projects funded under the ACP shall be carried out in accordance with the rules, regulations and laws governing such activities and in accordance with the best current procurement practices. They must also be advertised in accordance with the guidelines of the New West Partnership Trade Agreement (www.newwestpartnershiptrade.ca), and the Agreement on Internal Trade (www.ait-aci.ca).

13. PAYMENT PROCESS AND FINANCIAL REPORTING REQUIREMENTS

13.1 Payments

ACP payments will be made following legislative approval of the provincial budget, and Ministerial authorization of the component budgets. Payments for approved projects will be made based on the conditions of the CGA. Typically the grant payment is made within one month following the execution of the CGA, unless stated otherwise.

13.2 Statement of Funding and Expenditures (SFE)

The grant recipient must submit an SFE for each project. The SFE summarizes the grant amount received, the actual project costs, grant funding applied, portion of funding provided by other grant programs and municipal sources, and income earned and applied to the project. Income earned on the ACP grant funding becomes part of the funding available to apply to project expenditures.

The SFE must be signed by the CAO or delegate, who certifies that the grant recipient is in compliance with the terms of the CGA, program guidelines, and administrative procedures. All supporting documentation such as reports, drawings, and invoices for project costs must be retained by the municipalities for a minimum of three years following completion of the project.

The SFE can be completed using ACPO or accessed on the ACP website at www.municipalaffairs.alberta.ca/alberta-community-partnership.cfm. The 2018/19 program year will be the final year that grant recipients will be able to submit their SFEs via mail, fax or email. Going forward, all grant recipients will be required to submit their SFEs through ACPO.

The SFE may be subject to review by the Provincial Auditor General.

Additional reporting is required for the MI component (see Schedule 4), and may also be required under other components.

13.3 Credit Items

Credit items must be reported on the SFE, and should include:

- Income earned on deposited or invested ACP grant funds.

The amount of income earned on the funds becomes part of the total grant funding available for the project.

13.4 Calculation of Income Earned

The municipality must maintain separate accounting records for the grant funds.

The municipality is encouraged to invest and earn income on all unexpended grant funds, subject to the provisions of Section 250 of the *Municipal Government Act*.

The amount of income earned on grant funds may be calculated by one of two methods:

- the actual income earned on the funds being held; or
- the estimated (notional) income earned on the funds. For example, multiply the average grant funding balance over one or more months that the grant funds were held in an account by the average interest rate over those months.

14. SITE VISITS

On an annual basis, Municipal Affairs may select and visit a number of municipalities to discuss ACP program delivery, explore suggestions for program improvement, and view completed ACP-funded projects where appropriate.

15. COMMUNICATIONS AND PROJECT RECOGNITION REQUIREMENTS

Municipalities may choose to recognize a project milestone through advertising, public information campaigns, or ceremonies and events. If a municipality initiates a communications event related to an ACP-funded project, they are asked to advise the Municipal Affairs Communications office of the proposed event a minimum of 15 working days prior to the celebration/launch/event.

News releases should acknowledge the province's contribution and must include a quote from the Minister or other GOA representative as determined by the province. Any advertising of ACP-funded projects should include a reference to the ACP program and the province's contribution.

To discuss project recognition options or communications requirements, please call Municipal Affairs Communications at 780-427-8862, toll free by first dialing 310-0000, or email acp.grants@gov.ab.ca. All other inquiries should be directed to a Grant Advisor at 780-422-7125.

Schedule 1A – Intermunicipal Collaboration

1. Objective

The objective of the Intermunicipal Collaboration (IC) component is to promote municipal viability by providing support to partnerships of two or more municipalities to develop regional land use plans and service delivery frameworks.

By having regional land use plans and frameworks for service delivery in place, municipalities lay the foundation to move from concept to reality. The plans and frameworks will ensure that:

- roles and responsibilities have been defined;
- participating municipalities are on board with the next step; and
- the partnership knows what it will take in time and resources to get their project off the ground.

2. Eligible Entities

The following entities are eligible grant recipients (managing partners) under the IC component:

- Municipalities (cities, towns, villages, summer villages, municipal districts, specialized municipalities, improvement districts, and special areas);
- Métis Settlements; and the
- Townsite of Redwood Meadows Administration Society.

First Nations are eligible to participate as non-managing, formal project partners on IC project applications.

3. Eligible Projects

Projects which directly support intermunicipal land use or produce frameworks for regional approaches to service delivery are eligible for grants under the IC component.

These are projects which produce plans, agreements, studies, or frameworks which the partnership can use to determine, establish, or govern integrated or cooperative approaches to municipal service delivery.

- A municipal service is defined as any activity or work undertaken by, provided for, or on behalf of, a municipality for the purpose of providing good government, facilities or other items that are necessary or desirable to develop and maintain safe and viable communities. Planning is considered a municipal service for the purpose of this component.

A partnership may undertake a regional service planning project in order to determine such factors as the costs, benefits, governance model options, revenue or cost-sharing arrangements, or operational requirements for intermunicipal service delivery.

The *Municipal Government Act (MGA)* requires the adoption of Intermunicipal Collaboration Frameworks (ICFs) between municipalities. A partnership may apply for an IC grant to work

towards elements of an ICF, such as gathering technical expertise on the governance, delivery, and costs of intermunicipal services, or to create Intermunicipal Development Plans. The direct development of an ICF is eligible under IC.

Projects may include more than one element or deliverable related to the service planning initiative. For example, a partnership may submit a project application to develop several Intermunicipal Development Plans for the partnership's region.

Applications will be reviewed to ensure that the project supports or creates arrangements for cooperative approaches to delivering services within the partnership, and that the project genuinely produces a regional result. If a project appears to only benefit the participants individually or if it is unclear how the project relates to supporting intermunicipal service delivery, the project may be deemed ineligible.

Some regional partnerships may benefit from working with facilitators or dispute resolution specialists to prepare for intermunicipal service negotiations. Funding and support for these activities are available under the Mediation and Cooperative Processes (MCP) component. See Schedule 3 for further information.

Certain regional projects may be a better fit under other ACP components or grant programs. Please see the table below for examples.

Regional Municipal Service Delivery – Development Phases		
Phase	Eligible IC Projects	Projects Eligible Under Other Funding Sources
Explore Opportunity To determine if a regional approach to municipal service delivery makes sense	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Regional service needs or gaps assessment ➤ Regional service-specific feasibility study 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Broad exploration of regional governance options (See MR component, Schedule 2) ➤ Facilitator or dispute resolution specialist to prepare regional parties for regional service negotiations (See MCP component, Schedule 3)
Establish Scope Decision tools and guidance documents to determine the best approach to regional service delivery	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Service-specific delivery options ➤ Regional service cost sharing models ➤ Regional service-specific business plan or strategy ➤ Regional growth plan ➤ Intermunicipal development plan that may include updated municipal development plans. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Regional governance study and/or business case (See MR component, Schedule 2)
Lay Groundwork Establish the framework for cooperative or integrated services within the partnership	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Legal framework for a regional service delivery authority ➤ Intermunicipal development plan or intermunicipal collaboration framework ➤ Intermunicipal service sharing agreements 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Creation of a new municipal development plan for municipalities with populations of up to 3,500 (See LLUP component, Schedule 6)

Regional Municipal Service Delivery – Development Phases		
Phase	Eligible IC Projects	Projects Eligible Under Other Funding Sources
Deliver Service Implementation and direct delivery of the regional service	Capital projects and operating pilots are <u>not</u> eligible	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Facility construction; equipment purchases (Municipal Sustainability Initiative - Capital¹, Federal Gas Tax Fund¹) ➤ Set up and ongoing regional service delivery costs (Municipal Sustainability Initiative - Operating¹)

¹ Information about these programs is available at the Municipal Affairs Grant Portal <http://www.municipalaffairs.alberta.ca/municipalgrants>.

Eligible Project Costs

Expenditures should be directly attributable to the project outcomes, and may include contract and project management costs.

An itemized breakdown of all expenditure items and estimated project costs must be provided under the Budget section of the application form. The list of estimated project costs should specifically identify the types of consultant activities (e.g. development of specific plans, facilitation of stakeholder consultations, conducting a service inventory, consultant travel expenses, project management), vendor costs (e.g. advertising, public consultation venue rental, and offsite printing).

If the budget expense item is general or vague, or if it is unclear how an expenditure item relates to the proposed regional service planning or development activities, the expenditure may be deemed ineligible.

Ineligible Project Costs

Capital expenditures, such as project expenditures associated with the construction, purchase, or betterment of capital assets or equipment, are not eligible under the IC component.

Costs associated with the direct implementation or existing and ongoing operational costs related to the delivery of regional or municipal services are not eligible. These include costs associated with:

- ongoing or regular salary expenses;
- overhead expenses;
- office set-up;
- hardware or software purchases, installation, or upgrades;
- training;
- operational service pilots;
- routine or regularly occurring data gathering;
- system updates or maintenance; and
- municipal reimbursements (e.g. travel, meals, per diem).

4. Application Process

Applications under the IC component are due November 1, 2018. No applications will be accepted after the due date.

Only one application per managing partner per program year will be considered. If an applicant submits more than one grant application as a managing partner, the first submitted application will be evaluated for funding.

Ensure that all relevant sections of the application form are completed prior to submission, as incomplete applications may result in a lower score relative to other submitted grant applications.

The application will not be considered for funding unless:

- the council resolution certification statement under the Partners section of the application form is checked to confirm that council resolutions or motions supporting participation in the project are in place;
- the application certification statement at the end of the application form is completed; and
- the application form is signed and dated by the managing municipality's Chief Administrative Officer or duly-authorized signing officer, if using the PDF version.

2018/19 is the final year for ACP application submission by mail, fax or email. Going forward, applicants will be required to submit their applications and reporting through ACPO (see Main Guidelines Section 4.1).

5. Grant Amounts

The maximum grant available per project is \$200,000.

6. Component Conditions

Applications under the IC component must involve a partnership of two or more eligible entities, as defined in the **Eligible Entities** section.

Eligible entities may participate in multiple project partnerships but may only be the managing partner on one IC project per program year.

The managing partner is the partnership member that submits the grant application on behalf of the partnership, enters into the grant agreement, receives and manages the grant funds on behalf of the partnership, and reports to the ministry on project expenditures and outcomes. All other formal partners are referred to as project participants. The managing partner and project participants must confirm their project involvement through council resolutions or motions. The resolutions or motions should confirm support for their involvement in the project and designate a managing partner.

The managing partner must certify that the resolutions or motions are in place on the grant application form and retain copies of the resolutions. Resolutions or motions do not need to be submitted with the application unless requested by Municipal Affairs.

7. Payment of Funds

ACP funds will be paid following legislative approval of the provincial budget and is contingent on a Conditional Grant Agreement (CGA) being duly executed.

8. Time Period to Use Grant Funds

Grant recipients can retroactively apply grant funds towards approved projects effective April 1 of the program year unless otherwise stipulated in the CGA. No costs incurred prior to April 1 of the program year may be attributed to the grant.

Typically a default project completion date of December 31, 2021 will be specified in the CGA to allow sufficient time for the partnership to complete the project. This is the date by which all eligible project costs must be incurred and the use of grant funds expire. If the partnership experiences unforeseen delays that will impact the timely completion of the project, a time extension request for the CGA may be considered.

Funding that is not expended by the project completion date in the CGA must be returned to the Government of Alberta.

9. Reporting Requirements

The grant recipient must submit an SFE (see Main Guidelines Section 13.2), and may be asked to provide additional reporting on the outcome of the grant.

SFEs must be submitted within 60 days of the project completion date.

If a project is completed earlier than the project completion date specified the CGA, a grant recipient is encouraged to submit their reporting at that time in order to close out their grant file.

Schedule 1B – Evaluation of IC Applications

2018/19 IC grant applications will be scored using the following evaluation criteria to establish a primary ranking of projects based on merit and alignment with current program priorities.

Final decisions on funding recommendations will be made by a panel of program staff and may incorporate additional relevant factors such as geographic distribution of funds, past initiative funding, or distribution of funds across service areas.

PROJECT OUTCOME	
1. Project results in a regional service delivery framework.	Maximum points: 25 <i>Corresponding application questions: 1 & 2</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>High score</u>: project directly produces a regional service delivery framework. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ E.g., shared service agreements, regional service governance models, regional service delivery plans, cost-sharing models, new or updated intermunicipal development plan (IDP). • <u>Low score</u>: project produces information that is valuable but may or may not result in establishing a regional service delivery framework. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ E.g., best practice research. 	
2. Project produces an IDP or an intermunicipal collaboration framework (ICF).	Maximum points: 25 <i>Corresponding application questions: 1 & 2</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>High score</u>: project produces an ICF or an IDP for municipalities that do not yet have one in place. • <u>Low score</u>: project produces an updated IDP. 	
PROJECT PRIORITY	
3a. Project will help to address outstanding regional service gaps.	Maximum points: 15 <i>Corresponding application question: 3a</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>High score</u>: project directly addresses an existing service gap through a regional solution. • <u>Low score</u>: project provides other benefits for the partnership but may not be related to resolving an existing service gap or issue. 	

3b. Project funding will help the partnership to resolve capacity-related barriers in order to undertake the project.	Maximum points: 10 <i>Corresponding application question: 3b</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>High score</u>: the need for project funding is clear. Funding support will enable the partnership to undertake a regional initiative that requires additional expertise or resources beyond the existing capacity of the municipalities. • <u>Low score</u>: grant approval will have a minimal impact on the partnership's current ability to undertake the project. 	
PARTNERSHIP AND PROJECT READINESS	
4. Regional partners are actively engaged in project delivery and demonstrate a good working relationship to support project success.	Maximum points: 15 <i>Corresponding application question: 4a & 4b</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>High score</u>: project is collaborative and all participating municipalities have ability to influence project outcomes. Processes are in place to facilitate input into decision making and resolve conflict. • <u>Low score</u>: project delivery is driven by a third party and it is unclear how municipal partners will be involved. 	
5a. Project is well planned.	Maximum points: 5 <i>Corresponding application question: 5a</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>High score</u>: project planning appears completed. There are no significant concerns regarding the partnership's ability to execute the project successfully and achieve the expected benefits. • <u>Low score</u>: insufficient information was provided to determine extent of planning for project delivery. 	
5b. Project budget estimates are supported.	Maximum points: 5 <i>Corresponding application question: 5b</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>High score</u>: the basis for the budget estimates and requested grant amount was identified, and project costs appear reasonable. • <u>Low score</u>: insufficient information was provided to determine the basis of estimated project costs and requested grant amount. 	

Schedule 2 – Municipal Restructuring

1. Objective

The Municipal Restructuring (MR) component provides financial support to municipalities for projects associated with regional governance and municipal restructuring processes such as amalgamation, dissolution or viability reviews.

The objectives of MR funding are to assist municipalities with the cost of:

- completing studies that may result in municipal restructuring or regional governance;
- infrastructure studies for municipalities undergoing a viability review or following a dissolution;
- transition following a dissolution or amalgamation; and
- debt servicing and critical infrastructure upgrades following a dissolution.

2. Eligible Entities

The following entities are eligible for funding under the MR component:

- Municipalities (cities, towns, villages, summer villages, municipal districts, specialized municipalities, and special areas).

3. Eligible Projects

a) Restructuring Study Stream

The Restructuring Study Stream provides funding towards one of the following types of studies associated with municipal restructuring:

- regional governance study which must include the exploration of options that may lead to some form of municipal restructuring; and
- infrastructure study / asset management plan (during viability reviews).

b) Transitional Stream

For a municipality undergoing restructuring, the Transitional Stream supports eligible projects related to the administration, governance and legislative costs of the receiving municipality to incorporate the dissolved municipality into its ongoing operations. For amalgamations, the Transitional Stream supports eligible projects related to the integration of municipal administration, governance and services of the municipalities involved in the amalgamation.

Examples of eligible projects include:

- financial audit of pre-restructured municipality/municipalities;
- community engagement activities including, but not limited to, advertising, public notices, and signage to communicate with residents, ratepayers and other stakeholders following restructuring;
- infrastructure study or asset management plan following dissolution;
- integration or migration of administrative systems including, but not limited to, accounting and financial, assessment, communications, geographic information systems, information technology, and records management and taxation systems;
- legal and legislative costs including, but not limited to, contracts review, land title fees, electoral boundaries review, conducting by-elections, and bylaw and policy reviews;

- library costs including, but not limited to, establishment of new municipal library boards in the receiving municipality or amalgamated municipality;
- organizational review to optimize the structure and processes of the municipality;
- personnel costs including, but not limited to, additional staff time associated with the post-restructuring transition, staff training, and severance for staff employed in the former municipality or municipalities; and
- relocation of municipal operations in the dissolved or amalgamated municipality.

c) Infrastructure/Debt Servicing Stream

For dissolved municipalities, the Infrastructure/Debt Servicing Stream supports upgrades to existing, municipally-owned capital infrastructure assets and equalization of any outstanding non-utility debt obligations of the dissolved municipality. The receiving municipality may apply for funds once needs are known and prioritized.

Examples of eligible projects include:

- repairs and upgrades for existing, municipally-owned infrastructure based on an infrastructure study, asset management plan, or supporting documentation from the past five years that identify the priority project(s) that needs to be addressed;
- work needed to meet infrastructure and environmental standards that directly affects the dissolved municipality or the health and safety of residents; and
- repayment of non-utility debt and the reduction of liabilities associated with the dissolved municipality.

4. Application Process

Applicants are encouraged to contact a Municipal Sustainability Advisor prior to completing the application. Municipal Sustainability Advisors can be reached by telephone, toll-free at 310-0000, then 780-427-2225, or by email at municipalsustainability@gov.ab.ca.

2018/19 is the final year for ACP application and reporting submission by mail, fax or email. Going forward, municipalities will be required to submit their applications and reporting through ACPO (see Main Guidelines Section 4.1).

5. Grant Amounts

a) Restructuring Study Stream

The maximum amount available under the Restructuring Study Stream is \$120,000 for infrastructure audits and \$200,000 per regional governance study and/or amalgamation study.

In the case of an amalgamation study where an application is submitted by a municipality as managing partner, in cooperation with all municipalities jointly exploring amalgamation, the managing partner will be eligible for up to 100 per cent of the maximum grant.

In the case of an amalgamation study where an application is submitted by a municipality that wishes to initiate amalgamation proceedings with one or more other municipalities, the initiating municipality will be eligible to apply for up to 10 per cent of the maximum grant to use towards amalgamation activities. If all of the municipalities party to the amalgamation proceedings agree to request the remaining funding, then up to the remaining 90 per cent may be approved and the initiating municipality would continue as the managing partner for the grant.

b) Transitional Stream

The maximum amount available under the Transitional Stream is \$300,000 for post-dissolution transition. For post-amalgamation transition, entities are eligible for a maximum amount of \$1,500,000. Eligible amounts are based on a base amount of \$100,000 plus \$400 per capita up to the above-stated maximums.

c) Infrastructure/Debt Servicing Stream Post-Dissolution

The total amount available under the Infrastructure/Debt Servicing Stream is a base amount of \$500,000 plus a per capita amount of \$1,500 to a maximum of \$3,000,000 for post-dissolution infrastructure projects.

6. Component Conditions

General Conditions for all MR component grants:

- a) A council resolution from the applicant must be submitted with the application.
- b) Agreement from other municipalities that are participating in the project (e.g. regional governance study or amalgamation study) or from municipalities that may be directly affected by the municipal restructuring (e.g. receiving municipality) should be in place and a copy of that agreement (e.g. emails, council resolution or formal agreement) submitted with the application.
- c) Municipalities involved in the projects may not separately apply under the MR component for the same study or restructuring process.
- d) Unused transitional grant funds cannot be applied to infrastructure projects, and vice versa.
- e) Applicants that have received restructuring grants in support of municipal restructuring that occurred prior to January 2014 are not eligible for MR funding.

If the cost of a project exceeds the maximum grant amounts, the municipality or municipalities involved are expected to cost-share or use other grant sources for the remainder of the project costs.

Conditions specific to the Restructuring Study Stream (Infrastructure Study):

- a) Applicants that receive funding are required to use the Viability Review Infrastructure Terms of Reference template as part of their procurement documentation. The template can be obtained by contacting a Municipal Sustainability Advisor by telephone, toll-free at 310-0000, then 780-427-2225, or by email at municipalsustainability@gov.ab.ca.

Conditions specific to the Transitional Stream:

- a) If grant funding was applied for following dissolution, grant funds must be accounted for separately by the receiving municipality in accordance with the Order in Council that dissolved the former municipality.

Conditions specific to the Infrastructure/Debt Servicing Stream:

- a) Funding to be used for existing, municipally-owned infrastructure projects is conditional upon the completion of an infrastructure study / asset management plan in the past five years, which assists with identifying and prioritizing critical infrastructure and municipal needs. If a recent infrastructure study, asset management plan, engineering study or related documentation does not already exist, eligible entities may apply for funds through the Transitional Stream to support an infrastructure study or an asset management plan.

- b) Infrastructure projects must be located within the geographic boundaries of the dissolved municipality, or if the infrastructure project is located outside the dissolved municipality, the project must directly benefit the residents and property owners of the dissolved municipality.
- c) Funding to be used for debt servicing requires receipt of audited financial statements of the dissolved municipality following restructuring.
- d) Debt reduction or debt servicing funds can only be applied to the debt of the former municipality that is transferred to the receiving municipality.
- e) If grant funding was applied for following dissolution, grant funds must be accounted for separately by the receiving municipality in accordance with the Order in Council that dissolved the former municipality.

7. Payment of Funds

ACP funding will be paid following legislative approval of the provincial budget and is conditional on a Conditional Grant Agreement (CGA) being duly executed.

8. Time Period to Use Grant Funds

Successful applicants can apply grant funds towards approved projects effective April 1 of the current program year unless otherwise stipulated in the CGA. Applicants determine the appropriate project completion date and should ensure that it allows sufficient time for all reporting activities to be completed. Infrastructure audits or studies funded through the Restructuring Study stream must be completed within nine (9) months from the grant approval date.

Projects occurring as a result of restructuring should be completed within two years following the municipal restructuring.

Funding that is not expended within the project completion date in the CGA, must be returned to the Government of Alberta.

9. Reporting Conditions

The grant recipient must submit an SFE (see Main Guidelines Section 13.2), and may be asked to provide additional reporting on the outcome of the grant. Going forward, municipalities will be required to submit their SFEs through ACPO.

Upon completion, a copy of the report or study funded under the Restructuring Study Stream must be submitted to the Municipal Capacity and Sustainability Branch of Municipal Affairs at municipalsustainability@gov.ab.ca.

Schedule 3 – Mediation and Cooperative Processes

1. Objective

The Mediation and Cooperative Processes (MCP) component provides support to municipalities to develop collaborative protocols and processes to proactively manage conflict, or to assist in the negotiation of service agreements for the creation of Intermunicipal Collaboration Frameworks (ICFs) and Intermunicipal Development Plans (IDPs).

This enables municipalities to rely on an agreed-upon process for collaboration. This component also supports municipalities in using mediation, facilitation, or other dispute resolution alternatives to resolve intermunicipal conflict as local solutions provide the ability to control the outcomes and create options in the best interests of residents. This component is comprised of a Mediation stream and Cooperative Processes stream.

2. Eligible Entities

The following entities are eligible for funding under the MCP component:

- Municipalities (cities, towns, villages, summer villages, municipal districts, specialized municipalities, and special areas);
- Improvement Districts;
- Métis Settlements; and the
- Townsite of Redwood Meadows Administration Society.

3. Eligible Projects

a) Mediation Stream

The Mediation stream supports mediation or facilitative services to develop local solutions to conflicts municipalities may be having with their municipal neighbours, regional services commissions or other boards or agencies.

Eligible projects include:

- mediating conflict or facilitated negotiations between two or more municipalities; and
- mediating conflict or facilitated negotiations between a municipality and another entity.

b) Cooperative Processes Stream

The Cooperative Processes stream provides proactive support to municipalities for building relations and cooperative processes within and between municipalities through the Collaborative Governance Initiative (CGI). There are three types of cooperative processes within this stream.

- i. **Protocol Development** funds a consultant or an appropriate expert's fees and travel costs to assist in creating collaborative principles, processes and protocols using consensus. This may involve an internal process with one municipality or an external process between multiple municipalities.

- An internal process example for a single municipality is when a municipality has a lack of consensus so a consultant is hired to help with the development of council and staff protocols and procedures regarding meeting management, roles and responsibilities, and strategic direction.
 - An external or multi-party example for groups struggling to work collaboratively would be able to hire a consultant to facilitate discussions between multiple municipalities to assist with the development of cooperation protocols.
- ii. **Protocol Implementation** funds the implementation of the principles, processes, and protocols created in the Protocol Development. That is, piloting, testing, and adjusting the protocols to achieve the desired objective.
 - iii. **Intermunicipal Collaboration Framework Negotiation** funds a mediator or third party facilitator's fees and travel costs to assist in the negotiation of service agreements pertaining to ICFs and/or IDPs. For example, neighboring municipalities with contentious or complex negotiations who require a third party in order to proceed with ICF negotiations.

The objective of IDP and ICF funding support offered through the MCP component is to help municipalities access third party facilitators or mediators if they have a **demonstrated need** for such services in their negotiations.

Applicants seeking grant funds to assist with contracting technical resources and expertise to develop an IDP or ICF, and who do not need additional negotiation support, should consider the IC component (see Schedule 1A).

4. Application Process

Applications are typically completed after discussion with Ministry staff. Contact Intermunicipal Relations staff at 780-427-2225 (toll free in Alberta by first dialing 780-310-0000) prior to completing the form.

2018/19 is the final year for ACP application and reporting submission by mail, fax or email. Going forward, applicants will be required to submit their applications and reporting through ACPO (see Main Guidelines Section 4.1).

For all funding streams under this component, an applicant is required to complete an application that is supported by council resolutions or motions from all project participants. In the absence of council resolutions, an application may be submitted with a letter from the requesting municipality (with a copy to the partnering municipalities) that demonstrates support for the project and is signed by the Chief Elected Official.

All MCP component applications will be considered throughout the year up until February 1, 2019 of the current program year.

Decisions will be based on information provided in the ACP application form regarding the project's complexity and the immediacy of need. The degree of complexity will consider the number of issues, services, or factors that need to be negotiated and the number of municipalities involved. The immediacy of need for facilitation or mediation assistance will be based upon the following factors but not limited to:

- Degree of conflict or disagreement;
- History of conflict between the municipalities;
- Capacity to facilitate or resolve the issues or to collaborate; and the
- Likelihood of the conflict to escalate.

5. Grant Amounts

The MCP component has funding maximums as follows:

- Mediation Stream: \$15,000
- Cooperative Processes Stream:
 - Protocol Development: \$50,000
 - Protocol Implementation: \$30,000
 - Intermunicipal Collaboration Framework Negotiation: \$50,000

The Minister may vary these maximum amounts and cost share contributions (see Section 6 below) in extraordinary or highly contentious projects, and may consider such applications outside of the quarterly application review periods.

6. Component Conditions

Conditions specific to the Mediation Stream:

The Mediation stream grant of up to \$15,000 provides one-third of the cost of mediation and is conditional on the municipal partners contributing two-thirds of the total costs. For example, to receive a maximum mediation grant of \$15,000, the municipal partners would need to contribute an additional \$30,000, reflecting a total project cost of \$45,000.

Conditions specific to the Cooperative Processes Stream:

Cooperative Processes stream grants are conditional upon the municipalities matching the grant funding, and can include verifiable in-kind contributions. For example, to receive a maximum ICF Negotiation grant amount of \$50,000, the municipal partners would need to contribute an additional \$50,000, reflecting a total project cost of \$100,000. The matching amount must be expended proportionately to the grant funding amount.

Municipalities must complete all reporting requirements under Protocol Development prior to submitting an application for funding under Protocol Implementation. Reporting must demonstrate the progress in the project and that all funding has been fully expended prior to submitting a Protocol Implementation application.

7. Payment of Funds

ACP funding will be paid following legislative approval of the provincial budget and is conditional on the following:

- a Conditional Grant Agreement (CGA) being duly executed; and
- for the Mediation stream, by way of installment upon receipt of a copy of the mediator's invoices submitted that demonstrates project costs; or
- for the Cooperative Processes stream, by way of lump-sum payment.

8. Time Period to Use Grant Funds

Successful applicants can apply grant funds towards approved projects retroactive to April 1 of the current program year unless otherwise stipulated in the CGA. Applicants determine the appropriate project completion date and should ensure that it allows sufficient time for all reporting activities to be completed (typically one to two years). If the funding will not be expended by the agreed to project completion date, a time extension request must be submitted (see Section 9.2). Any grant funds unexpended upon completion or termination of the project shall be returned to the Government of Alberta.

9. Reporting Conditions

The grant recipient must submit an SFE (see Main Guidelines Section 13.2), and may be asked to provide additional reporting on the outcome of the grant. Going forward municipalities will be required to submit their SFEs through ACPO.

A copy of the report or study funded under the Cooperative Processes stream must be submitted to the Municipal Capacity and Sustainability Branch of Municipal Affairs upon completion.

Schedule 4 – Municipal Internship

1. Objective

The Municipal Internship (MI) component provides support to municipalities and planning service agencies to recruit, train, and retain competent municipal employees who can progress into leadership positions in Alberta municipalities. The intent of this program component is to help train interns so that they may pursue careers in municipal administration, finance, or land use planning and help build the capacity of Alberta's municipal sector.

2. Eligible Entities

The following entities are eligible under the MI component, including:

- Municipalities (cities, towns, villages, municipal districts, and specialized municipalities);
- the Edmonton Metropolitan Region Board and Calgary Metropolitan Region Board (Land Use Planner Stream only); and
- municipally-controlled planning service agencies (Land Use Planner stream only).

Applicants requesting funding under the MI component must meet specific population thresholds to be eligible (based on Municipal Affairs official population figures in effect at the time of application):

Program Stream	Population Range
Administrator	Between 700 and 75,000
Finance Officer	Between 2,500 and 125,000
Land Use Planner	Between 5,000 and 125,000

3. Eligible Projects

The MI component has three streams:

a) Administrator

The Administrator stream allows for the hosting of an intern for a one-year period. Host organizations help train and develop interns by providing them with learning opportunities across the key functional areas of municipal operations and management.

b) Finance Officer

The Finance Officer stream allows for the hosting of an intern for a one-year period. Host organizations help train and develop interns by providing them with learning opportunities in the finance department and exposure to other key functional areas of municipal operations and management.

c) Land Use Planner

The Land Use Planner stream allows for the hosting of an intern for a two-year period. Host organizations must undertake the majority of land use planning activities in-house

and have a senior planner on staff to supervise the intern. Interns in the Land Use Planner stream are expected to work towards attaining the Registered Professional Planner accreditation by documenting their education and responsible professional experience in the logbook under the Alberta Professional Planners Institute, the affiliate of the Canadian Institute of Planners.

For all streams, host organizations are expected to provide their intern with experience across the key functional areas of municipal operations and management. Municipalities that are not able to offer an intern experience in all of the functional areas are encouraged to collaborate with another municipality. Collaborations can be arranged so that the intern spends small blocks of time with each host (e.g. two or three months on a rotating basis or the term may be split into two six-month blocks).

Having the opportunity to work closely with staff, council, and senior management in a municipality or a planning service agency is a valuable experience for new professionals pursuing a career in the municipal sector.

4. Application Process

Applications for the MI component are due by September 1 of the funding year, with the internship to commence the following May.

MI applications are evaluated after the September 1 deadline. Funding is awarded based on information provided in the ACP application form up to the maximum number of internship positions available in the program year.

2018/19 is the final year for ACP application and reporting submission by mail, fax or email. Going forward, applicants will be required to submit their applications and reporting through ACPO (see Main Guidelines Section 4.1).

5. Grant Amounts

The amounts available under the MI component vary by host type as follows:

- Administrators: \$43,000
- Finance Officers: \$43,000
- Land Use Planners: \$66,000

6. Component Conditions

Just as interns are expected to demonstrate certain attributes, host organizations are also expected to meet certain criteria, including:

- The municipality must meet the population thresholds as outlined in Section 2 of this schedule, to be eligible for grant funding. Municipally-controlled planning service agencies are also eligible for the Land Use Planner stream;
- For the Land Use Planner stream, host organizations must undertake the majority of their planning in-house and have a senior planner on staff;
- A strong council-administration relationship must exist and there must be strong commitment from both groups to have an intern;
- There must be an organizational commitment to the MI program's vision and goals;

- A dedicated supervisor is appointed for the intern. The supervisor is to be the Chief Administrative Officer or a senior manager (Administrator stream); senior financial officer (Finance Officer stream); or a senior planner (Land Use Planner stream);
- A sufficient commitment of resources, both financial and staff, must be made; and
- There must be an ability to provide training in a wide range of municipal functions and interest in sharing knowledge and experiences with the intern.

An eligible municipality or organization can apply under any or all of the streams of this program component in a program year; however, the applicant must complete separate applications as each stream is evaluated separately.

Collaboration with another municipality is not required to host an intern if the municipality has the capacity and desire to host on its own. A municipality may wish to partner with another municipality if it is not able to provide an intern with experience in the major functional areas of municipal operations and management. Refer to the Internship Program website at www.municipalaffairs.alberta.ca/ms/internship/ for information on these functional areas and program expectations.

If choosing to collaborate, one municipality is to be named the managing partner. This municipality must meet the minimum population requirement for the stream being applied for and is responsible for submitting the application. Informal collaboration is also encouraged; however, such an arrangement is not considered a partnership as just one of the municipalities is considered to be the host.

7. Payment of Funds

ACP funding will be paid following legislative approval of the provincial budget and is subject to a Conditional Grant Agreement (CGA) being duly executed.

8. Time Period to Use Grant Funds

Successful applicants can apply grant funds to eligible project expenditures effective January 1 of the hosting year. Administrator and Finance Officer internships are to be completed one year from the intern start date; Land Use Planner internships are to be completed two years from the intern start date. Any grant funds unexpended upon completion or termination of the project shall be returned to the Government of Alberta.

9. Reporting Conditions

The grant recipient must submit an SFE (see Main Guidelines Section 13.2). Going forward, applicants will be required to submit their SFEs through ACPO. Additionally, supporting documentation is required and includes a Workplan, an Interim Report, a Year 1 Report (Land Use Planner) and a Final Report, as per the CGA.

Schedule 5 – Strategic Initiatives

1. Objective

The Strategic Initiatives (SI) component provides grants for initiatives in which the project outcomes are of ministry or provincial strategic significance and do not align with the other program components.

2. Eligible Entities

The following entities are eligible for grants under the SI component:

- the Edmonton Metropolitan Region Board and the Calgary Metropolitan Region Board;
- Municipalities (cities, towns, villages, summer villages, municipal districts, specialized municipalities, improvement districts, and special areas);
- Métis Settlements; and the
- Townsite of Redwood Meadows Administration Society.

The Minister may vary this criteria to include entities undertaking projects of provincial and municipal strategic significance.

3. Eligible Projects

Eligible projects include:

- support for the operations of metropolitan growth management boards; and
- projects of provincial strategic significance that are deemed a ministry priority.

4. Application Process

Contact a Grant Advisor to discuss any proposed SI projects. Application forms for the SI component will be provided after discussion with Ministry staff.

5. Grant Amounts

The maximum amount of funding available under the SI component is a ministry determination.

6. Component Conditions

All projects funded through the SI component will need to demonstrate the strategic significance of their project and how it aligns with ministry or provincial priorities.

The Minister may modify any program criteria such as eligibility and application requirements to respond to Government of Alberta and Municipal Affairs priorities.

7. Payment of Funds

ACP funding will be paid following legislative approval of the provincial budget and is subject to a Conditional Grant Agreement (CGA) being duly executed.

8. Time Period to Use Grant Funds

Successful applicants can apply grant funds towards approved projects effective April 1 of the program year unless otherwise stipulated in the CGA. Applicants determine the appropriate project completion date to be specified in the CGA and should ensure that the project completion date allows sufficient time for all reporting activities to be completed. If the funds will not be expended by the agreed to project completion date, a time extension request should be submitted (see Section 9.2). Any grant funds unexpended upon completion or termination of the project shall be returned to the Government of Alberta.

9. Reporting Conditions

The grant recipient must submit an SFE (see Main Guidelines Section 13.2), and may be asked to provide additional reporting on the outcome of the grant.

Schedule 6 – Local Land Use Planning

1. Objective

The Local Land Use Planning (LLUP) component is a limited term component which provides grants to municipalities with populations of up to 3,500 that are creating Municipal Development Plans (MDPs) for the first time.

Previously, only municipalities with populations over 3,500 were required by the *Municipal Government Act (MGA)* to adopt MDPs.

The objective of the component is to help small communities benefit from improved long-term planning standards under the new *MGA* which requires all municipalities, regardless of population size, to complete MDPs by April 1, 2021.

2. Eligible Entities

The following entities are eligible for grants under the LLUP component:

- Municipalities with populations of up to 3,500 that did not have an MDP adopted by bylaw prior to December 9, 2016 (royal assent date of Bill 21, *Modernized Municipal Government Act*).
- Municipalities which not have received funding to develop an MDP under the LLUP or IC component in the 2017/18 ACP program year.

3. Eligible Projects

Projects that directly produce an MDP for a qualifying entity are eligible under the LLUP component.

4. Eligible Project Costs

Expenditures should be directly attributable to the project deliverables, and may include contract and project management costs.

An itemized breakdown of all expenditure items and estimated project costs must be provided under the Budget section of the application form. The list of estimated project costs should specifically identify the types of consultant activities (e.g. development of specific plans, facilitations of stakeholders consultations, conducting a service inventory, consultant travel expenses, project management) and vendor costs (e.g. advertising, public consultation, venue rental, and offsite printing).

If the budget expense item is general or vague, or if it is unclear how an expenditure item relates to the proposed development of an MDP, the expenditure may be deemed ineligible.

5. Ineligible Project Costs

Capital expenditures, such as project expenditures associated with the construction, purchase, or betterment of capital assets or equipment, are not eligible under the LLUP component.

Costs associated with the direct implementation or existing and ongoing operational costs related to the delivery of regional or municipal services are not eligible. These include costs associated with:

- ongoing or regular salary expenses and benefits;

- overhead expenses;
- office set-up;
- hardware or software purchases, installation, upgrades, or maintenance;
- training;
- operational service pilots;
- routine or regularly occurring data gathering;
- system updates or maintenance; and
- municipal reimbursements (e.g. travel, meals, per diem).

6. Application Process

Applicants are encouraged to complete their grant applications through ACP Online (ACPO), hosted on the MA Connect portal.

For applicants that are unable to use MAConnect, a PDF application form is available on the program website at <http://municipalaffairs.alberta.ca/alberta-community-partnership>. PDF applications must be signed by the Chief Administrative Officer (CAO), or duly authorized authority, who certifies that the information is correct and in accordance with program guidelines.

Please ensure that all sections of the application form are complete prior to submission. Only one application per eligible municipality will be accepted. Applications for the LLUP component are due by November 1, 2018.

7. Grant Amounts

LLUP grants are offered as a resource to assist with the costs of an MDP, and are not necessarily intended to cover the full cost associated with the project.

Grant maximums under the LLUP component are as follows:

Municipal Type	Maximum Grant
Summer Villages	\$ 15,000
Villages	\$ 20,000
Towns	\$ 30,000

8. Component Conditions

Applications under the LLUP component must identify how the funds will be used to complete an MDP (i.e. this includes the anticipated service provider(s) or consultant(s) if already determined).

9. Payment of Funds

Payment of ACP funds is subject to a conditional grant agreement (CGA) being duly executed.

10. Time Period to Use Grant Funds

Grant recipients can apply grant funds towards eligible project costs incurred from April 1, 2018, unless otherwise stipulated in the CGA.

A default project completion date of approximately two years from the time of application submission will be specified in the CGA to allow sufficient time for the recipient to complete the project and fully expend the grant funds. This is the date by which all eligible project costs must be incurred and the use of grant funds expires. If the municipality experiences unforeseen delays that will impact the timely completion of the project, a time extension request may be considered.

Funds that are not expended by the project completion date in the CGA must be returned to the Government of Alberta.

If the project or the CGA are terminated, all unspent grant funds must be returned to the Government of Alberta.

11. Reporting Conditions

The grant recipient must submit an SFE (see Main Guidelines section 13.2), and may be asked to provide additional reporting on the outcomes of the funded project.

If the project is completed earlier than the completion date within the CGA, the grant recipient may submit reporting at that time to close out the grant file.



MEETING DATE: OCTOBER 23, 2018

REQUEST FOR DECISION - TO COUNCIL

SUBJECT

TAX RECOVERY AUCTION RESERVE BID – MOTION REQUIRED

RECOMMENDATION

THAT the County of Vermilion River set the Tax Recovery Auction Reserve Bid for Lot 2, Block 1, Plan 2129EO at _____.

THAT the County of Vermilion River set the Tax Recovery Auction Reserve Bid for Lot 6, Block 10, Plan 8322367 at _____.

THAT the County of Vermilion River set the Tax Recovery Auction Reserve Bid for Lot 16, Block 2, Plan 0226627 at _____.

THAT the County of Vermilion River set the Tax Recovery Auction Reserve Bid for Lot 14, Block 2, Plan 0226627 at _____.

THAT the County of Vermilion River set the Tax Recovery Auction Reserve Bid for Lot 4, Block 6, Plan 2338EO at _____.

DETAILS

Relevant Policy/Legislation Practices:

MGA Section 418(1) - Each municipality must offer for sale at a public auction any parcel of land shown on its tax arrears list if the tax arrears are not paid.

MGA Section 419(a) - The council must set:

- (a) for each parcel of land to be offered for sale at a public auction, a reserve bid that is as close as reasonably possible to the market value of the parcel, and
- (b) any conditions that apply to the sale

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RFD – RESERVE BID 2018

PREPARED BY: VIREN TAILOR

DATE: OCTOBER 11, 2018



Request for Decision – to COUNCIL

Council Meeting Date: October 23, 2018

Subject: TAX RECOVERY AUCTION RESERVE BID – MOTION REQUIRED

Recommendation:

THAT, pursuant to Section 419 (a) of the *Municipal Government Act*, the County of Vermilion River set the following reserve bids for the Tax Recovery Auction to be held November 15, 2018:

Lot 2, Block 1, Plan 2129EO - Reserve Bid \$_____

Lot 6, Block 10, Plan 8322367 – Reserve Bid \$_____

Lot 16, Block 2, Plan 0226627 – Reserve Bid \$_____

Lot 14, Block 2, Plan 0226627 – Reserve Bid \$_____

Lot 4, Block 6, Plan 2338EO - Reserve Bid \$_____

Background:

- MGA Section 418(1) - Each municipality must offer for sale at a public auction any parcel of land shown on its tax arrears list if the tax arrears are not paid.
- MGA Section 419(a) - The council must set
 - (a) for each parcel of land to be offered for sale at a public auction, a reserve bid that is as close as reasonably possible to the market value of the parcel, and
 - (b) any conditions that apply to the sale

MEETING DATE: OCTOBER 23, 2018

REQUEST FOR DECISION - TO COUNCIL

SUBJECT

TOURISM GROWTH INNOVATION FUND – MOTION REQUIRED

RECOMMENDATION

THAT the County of Vermilion River direct administration to apply for the Tourism Growth Innovation Fund to complete a Destination Development: Tourism Opportunity Assessment project with the municipal contribution to be funded by the Economic Development Reserve.

DETAILS

Background: The Tourism Growth Innovation Fund is a project-based grant program that aims to support economic growth and improve quality of life in communities across Alberta and is managed by Alberta Tourism and Culture. The Destination Development stream helps tourism organizations and municipalities create new tourism products and destination development opportunities through research-based studies, surveys and plans. Preference is given to projects focused on regions outside of Edmonton, Calgary and the Rocky Mountain Parks. Project outcomes should focus on spring/fall travel seasons; nature-based tourism; cultural tourism; indigenous cultural tourism or agricultural and culinary tourism. The Fund provides up to \$75,000 for a project and applicants are required to contribute to a minimum of 25% of the total project costs.

Discussion: It is proposed that we would undertake a Tourism Opportunity Assessment. The project would utilize an external consultant to do a research-based assessment of where we are in the world of tourism, what are our opportunities and challenges, and a gap analyses of tourism products and services. The goal would be to have a guiding document that evaluates our current state and a tourism strategy moving forward. The project would look at opportunities within the County (including all the hamlets, villages and the town) and how support for the greater region (City, Lakeland, HUB, Go East, Alberta etc) can be advantageous for all. Tourism knows no boundaries, so implementing this project to generate a regional snapshot will assist all of our municipalities, tourism industry and stakeholders. Total Project estimate would be approximately \$55,000. The Grant request would be for approximately \$41,250 and municipal contribution would be approximately \$13,750.



Desired Outcome (s): To proceed with applying for the Tourism Growth Innovation Fund

Response Options: That the County of Vermilion River direct Administration to apply for the Tourism Growth Innovation Fund to complete a Destination Development: Tourism Opportunity Assessment project with municipal contribution to be funded by the Economic Development Reserve.

IMPLICATIONS OF RECOMMENDATION

Organizational: Planning and Development will complete and submit the application prior to the October 31, 2018 deadline. Administration will provide Planning and Development a letter of confirmation for municipal commitment and contribution to the project by October 30, 2018.

Financial: Once the grant is accepted, allocation of municipal contribution will be drawn from the Economic Development Reserve for the project.

Implementation: If successful, Planning and Development will manage and implement the project

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1. Tourism Growth Innovation Fund Guidelines

PREPARED BY: Roger Garnett, Director of Planning & Development

DATE: October 16, 2018

The Tourism Growth Innovation Fund (TGIF) is a project-based funding initiative to strategically support the economic, socio-economic, and community goals of the tourism sector in Alberta. The TGIF focuses on providing financial assistance to bolster the tourism industry as a contributor to Alberta's economic diversification through growing the visitor economy. As an outcome-driven program, the TGIF will ensure tourism industry stakeholders have access to information and resources, and can be supported in projects that contribute to the responsible development of Alberta's destinations and experiences.

Grant applications to the TGIF are evaluated through a competitive process and funding is awarded to successful applicants through two (2) separate grant streams:

- **Destination Development Support:** facilitates tourism growth through research-based studies, surveys, strategies, and plans for tourism organizations and Alberta municipalities to create new product and destination development opportunities and experiences.
- **Product Development Support:** facilitates programming and capacity building projects to offer and grow tourism experiences among nonprofit operators of tourism attractions.

Preference will be given to applications that highlight opportunities:

- For Destination Development Support projects focusing on:
 - Regions outside of the urban centres of Edmonton and Calgary, and the Rocky Mountain Parks.
- For Destination Development Support and Product Development Support projects focusing on:
 - The winter and shoulder seasons (spring/fall).
 - Product lines that support Alberta Culture and Tourism outcomes such as:
 - Nature-based tourism that emphasizes principles of sustainable tourism, where economic benefits are balanced with environmental priorities.
 - Cultural tourism that builds authentic experiences and a sense of place.
 - Indigenous cultural tourism that demonstrates a respect for the perspectives of Indigenous peoples, inclusiveness, and cross-cultural understanding through tourism.
 - Agricultural and culinary tourism that emphasizes the use and promotion of Alberta-grown and sourced products.

Destination Development Support

Eligible Entities

- Incorporated nonprofit organizations, associations, societies, chambers of commerce, and Destination Marketing and/or Management Organizations in good standing that have been in existence for one year or longer, and whose mandate/function includes tourism development.¹
- Municipalities (cities, towns, villages, summer villages, municipal districts, specialized municipalities, improvement districts, and special areas), Métis Settlements, and First Nations.
- Partnerships between two or more combinations of the above entities.
- Organizations (formed as noted above) that do not have outstanding reporting or repayment obligations in relation to another Government of Alberta grant.

¹ Organizations must be incorporated under the *Companies Act* (Alberta), *Societies Act* (Alberta), or *Boards of Trade Act* (Canada).

Eligible Projects and Expenses

Studies, surveys, strategies, and plans for developing or enhancing tourism products or destinations. Eligible activities include, but are not limited to, the development of strategic and other planning documents such as:

- Tourism opportunity assessments and product feasibility studies.
- Tourism gap analyses.
- Destination management plans.
- Community/regional brand development.
- Community/regional Visitor Friendly assessments and surveys.

Ineligible Projects and Expenses

Ineligible projects include the development or implementation of:

- Business plans, marketing plans, or investment prospectuses for the sole benefit of a private operator.
- Community/regional/product strategic marketing plans.²
- Community/regional/product marketing campaigns and associated advertising, promotion, or collateral.²
- Websites, including web-based marketing and promotion-based activities.²

Ineligible expenses include:

- Costs associated with developing and submitting applications.
- Capital infrastructure including construction and upgrading costs.
- Operating costs of organizations including administration, permanent staff salaries, and on-going maintenance costs.
- Travel expenses not directly related to project execution.
- Legal, audit, or interest fees.
- Insurance, buyouts, restructuring costs, refundable goods and service tax.
- Retroactive funding for costs that have already been incurred prior to application approval.

Funding and Cost Sharing

Funding will be awarded up to a maximum of \$75,000 for one (1) project per applicant per fiscal year, regardless of the length of the grant term. Applicants are required to contribute a minimum twenty-five (25) per cent of the total project cost.

Funding from other Government of Alberta grants³ and in-kind contributions will not be considered as part of the applicant contribution.

- Nonprofit applicant cash contributions must be supported by current financial statements (statement of revenue and expenses, and balance sheet) signed by two signing authorities of the organization, or current bank records to confirm that the cash is available.
- Cash contributions by municipalities, Métis Settlements, or First Nations must be confirmed with a letter of support.
- Cash available from federal or private foundation grant programs is to be confirmed with a letter from program representatives.

Application Process

A PDF application must be completed for each submission and is available on the [TGIF website](#).

² For support of marketing initiatives, interested applicants are encouraged to explore the Cooperative Marketing Investment Program from Travel Alberta: <https://industry.travelalberta.com/programs-tools/coop-investment>.

³ Cash contributions from Municipal Sustainability Initiative (MSI) funding are permitted to be used towards applicant cash contributions.

The following information is required in the grant application:

- Project proposal:
 - Project overview including outcomes, scope, work plan, roles and responsibilities for project delivery, performance metrics, and risk mitigation measures.
 - If applicable, prior funding history and implementation efforts.
- Project budget.
- Supporting financial documentation.
- Letters of support from relevant stakeholders integral to the project's development or achievement of outcomes.

Application Deadlines

Refer to the [TGIF webpage](#) for information on intake dates.

Review Process

All applications will be reviewed to confirm basic eligibility requirements are met and the application is complete.

Applications will be evaluated through a competitive, merit-based process by a committee of tourism development professionals.

Release of Funding

If successful, applicants are required to enter into a formal agreement. Specific terms and conditions of grants are provided once approved. Applicants should **not** undertake any expenditures for their project until the commencement of the grant term indicated in the executed grant agreement.

Grant funding will be disbursed following the execution of the grant agreement. In the case of multi-phased projects, grant funding increments may be disbursed on mutually agreed upon milestones and interim reporting requirements.

Reporting and Performance Measurement

Within the term of the grant agreement, grant recipients are required to submit:

- 1) A copy of the final project report.
- 2) A financial report certified by:
 - a) For nonprofit applicants, the organization's financial/signing authority and one other board member other than the treasurer.
 - b) For municipal and Métis Settlement applicants, the Chief Administrative Officer (CAO).
 - c) For First Nations applicants, a registered accounting professional or a representative of the First Nation whose position has been authorized by band council resolution to provide financial reporting.
- 3) A concise grant completion report, detailing:
 - a) Achieved milestones and accomplishments, risk mitigation (strategies/tactics that were taken to overcome project hurdles and constraints), lessons learned or observed, and, if applicable, how the recommendations and findings of the report will be implemented.
 - b) Partnerships/collaboration created, tourism operator/visitor knowledge gained, and project legacy (outcomes that will benefit the organization in the short and long term).

A PDF reporting template is available on the [TGIF website](#).

Product Development Support

Eligible Entities

Incorporated nonprofit organizations, associations, and societies in good standing that have been in existence, and have supported an attraction, for three years or longer.⁴ Organizations must not have outstanding reporting or repayment obligations in relation to another Government of Alberta grant.

Provincially owned and operated facilities are ineligible to apply.

To be eligible for product development funding, consideration will be given to attractions that:

- Demonstrate admissions to their attraction (for gated venues) by visitors travelling at least forty (40) kilometres outside of their home community; and/or
- Demonstrate marketing of their attraction to audiences at least forty (40) kilometres outside of the host community or venue.

Eligible Projects and Expenses

Capacity building projects will vary and may include development of new tourism experiences or programming, or expansion into complementary tourism products or niches (e.g., addition of a farmers' market to a cultural event on site), that can contribute to the growth of an attraction's appeal to visitors. Eligible project activities include the contracting of expertise to design and deliver this new programming.

In recognition of the time commitments required to develop and implement programs, project work may extend over a maximum of three (3) years. Interim reporting will be required.

Eligible costs include:

- Project-based staffing costs.
- Material and equipment costs associated with the enhancement project.
 - **Note:** material and equipment costs may not exceed fifty (50) per cent of total project costs.
- Other costs as may be deemed necessary for the completion of the project.

Ineligible Expenses

- Costs associated with developing and submitting applications.
- Administrative or operational costs outside of the project and normally considered the responsibility of the applicant, including but not limited to: rent, insurance, telephone, internet, and office equipment costs.
- Land acquisition.
- Capital infrastructure including construction and upgrading costs.
- Marketing costs including advertising and promotion.
- Website development, including web-based marketing and promotion-based activities.
- Gifts, contests, prizes, awards, trophies, and plaques.
- Non-arms' length transactions (payments to an affiliated organization, payments to Directors/Board Members or their families).
- Fundraising and similar activities not related directly to the project.
- Travel expenses not directly related to project execution.
- Membership fees.
- Debt reduction.

⁴ Organizations must be incorporated under the *Companies Act* (Alberta), *Societies Act* (Alberta), or *Boards of Trade Act* (Canada).

- Legal, audit, or interest fees.
- Insurance, buyouts, restructuring costs, refundable goods and service tax.
- Retroactive funding for costs that have already been incurred prior to application approval.

Funding and Cost Sharing

Funding will be awarded up to a maximum of \$75,000 for one (1) attraction per applicant per fiscal year, regardless of the length of the grant term. Applicants are required to contribute a minimum fifty (50) per cent (1:1 matched contribution) of the total project cost.

Funding from other Government of Alberta grants⁵ and in-kind contributions will not be considered as part of the applicant contribution.

- Nonprofit applicant cash contributions must be supported by current financial statements (statement of revenue and expenses, and balance sheet) signed by two signing authorities of the organization, or current bank records to confirm that the cash is available.
- Cash contributions by municipalities, Métis Settlements, or First Nations must be confirmed with a letter of support.
- Cash available from federal or private foundation grant programs is to be confirmed with a letter from program representatives.

Application Process

A PDF application must be completed for each submission and is available on the [TGIF webpage](#).

The following information is required (in varying detail) in the grant application:

- Project background:
 - If available, evidence of the importance of the attraction to tourism in the region that can be verified with economic impact analysis and visitor statistics.
 - Demonstrated measures in place to ensure that the attraction is accessible to diverse groups of visitors from the local community and the larger domestic and international market.
- Project proposal:
 - Project overview including outcomes, scope, work plan, roles and responsibilities for project delivery, performance metrics, and risk mitigation measures.
 - Strategies to build long-term sustainability from the capacity building project.
- Project budget.
- Supporting financial documentation.
- Letters of support from relevant stakeholders integral to the project's development or success.

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⁵ Cash contributions from Municipal Sustainability Initiative (MSI) funding are permitted to be used towards applicant cash contributions.

Release of Funding

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Within the term of the grant agreement, grant recipients are required to submit a financial report certified by the organization's financial/signing authority and one other board member other than the treasurer. In addition to a concise grant completion report will be required, detailing:

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Procedural Considerations

- Funding provided in one fiscal year (April through March) does not imply any commitment by Alberta Culture and Tourism to provide funding in subsequent years.
- Program funding is limited and not every eligible application will receive funding. The amount approved for each project, initiative, or opportunity may be less than the amount requested and is based on how closely the application meets grant criteria and eligible expenses, and in accordance with the number of requests received per intake period. Alberta Culture and Tourism also reserves the right to fund only specific components of a proposed project.
- Grant stream criteria, such as eligibility and application requirements, are subject to change in response to Alberta Culture and Tourism priorities.
- Although each grant stream is limited to one application per fiscal year, organizations may apply to both grant streams. Applicants must disclose all partners in each application to ensure transparency.
- All funding decisions are final and appeals will not be accepted. However, applicants are able to seek feedback on their application and re-apply in the next intake period.
- Extensions on project completion and changes to project scope from what is outlined in a Grant Funding Agreement may be requested by submitting a written request to the Tourism Division a minimum of thirty (30) days prior to the originally-stated project completion date. The request must include an explanation of why the extension and/or change in scope is necessary to fulfill the grant's approved purpose. Alberta Culture and Tourism will inform the applicant of the Ministry's decision on the extension.
- Inability to meet agreed upon grant reporting requirements and timelines may prohibit future TGIF funding under any stream. For grant recipients with delinquent reporting, Alberta Culture and Tourism will re-assess the applicant's eligibility following reporting being brought into good standing and may permit applications in future intake periods.
- Once an application has been approved and funding issued to an organization, the community/city, grant recipient, project and amount funded and fiscal year become a matter of public record.
- The *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act* ("FOIP Act") applies to any information that is provided to Alberta Culture and Tourism. This information may be disclosed in response to an access request under the FOIP Act, subject to any applicable exceptions to disclosure under the Act. The personal information that is provided on the grant application form(s) will be used for the purpose of administering the TGIF. It is collected under the authority of section 33 (c) of the FOIP Act and is protected by the privacy provisions of the Act. Questions regarding FOIP can be directed to the Program Administrator through contacting TGIF@gov.ab.ca.

MEETING DATE: OCTOBER 23, 2018

REQUEST FOR DECISION - TO COUNCIL

SUBJECT

**REQUEST FOR FUNDING FROM MARWAYNE JUBILEE SCHOOL – MOTION
REQUIRED**

RECOMMENDATION

THAT the County of Vermilion River approve the Request for Funding from the Marwayne Jubilee School in the amount of \$5,000 to be funded from the Cash in Lieu of School Reserve.

DETAILS

Background: The Marwayne Jubilee School would like to purchase five sound systems that are hearing compatible to benefit students with severe hearing deficiencies. Once students are in Junior High, they must move to a minimum of five different classrooms with different teachers and technology. The sound systems would be installed in the classrooms so that students would not have to carry the sound equipment with them from class to class, which decreases the potential for damage, increases efficiencies with linking a variety of technology, and extends the lifespan of the units.

As per Policy FI 011 – Cash In Lieu of School Reserves, money is collected from subdivision processes and made available to schools within the County in accordance with the Municipal Government Act. Priority is given to projects that enhance the long term educational value and provide a direct benefit to children. Each school may receive a maximum of \$5,000 over a 3 year period. Marwayne Jubilee School received a contribution amount in February 2015 which is more than 3 years ago. The project has also received endorsement from Buffalo Trails School Division, as per the Policy requirements.

Relevant Policy/Legislation Practices: Policy FI-011 Cash in Lieu of School Reserve Policy

Desired Outcome (s): The County of Vermilion River approve the request for funding from the Marwayne Jubilee School in the amount of \$5,000



Response Options: THAT the County of Vermilion River approve the request for funding from Marwayne Jubilee School in the amount of \$5,000 to be funded from the Cash In Lieu of School Reserve

OR

THAT the County of Vermilion River deny the request for funding from Marwayne Jubilee School in the amount of \$5,000.

IMPLICATIONS OF RECOMMENDATION

Financial: Finance staff to prepare voucher for Marwayne Jubilee School in the amount determined by Council

Communication Required: Administration to send a letter to Marwayne Jubilee School advising them of the outcome of their funding request

ATTACHMENTS

1. Policy FI -011 Cash in Lieu of School Reserve
2. BTPS Endorsement of Request for Marwayne School

PREPARED BY: Rhonda King, CAO

DATE: October 11, 2018



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June 29, 2018

Marwayne Jubilee School
c/o Sandra Beres, Principal

RE: Support for Sound Systems

Dear Sandra:

At the regular meeting of the Board of Trustees held June 20, 2018 the following board motion was passed:

18-183 **MARRIOTT:** That the Board of Trustees of Buffalo Trail Public Schools endorses the application of Marwayne Jubilee School for Cash in Lieu of School Reserves Funds to be forwarded to the County of Vermilion River for review and approval.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

On behalf of the Board, I would like to let you know that the Board supports the request from Marwayne Jubilee School, for funds to support the purchase of five Roger Soundfield Systems to benefit students with severe hearing deficiencies. We are happy to let you know that you can send your application along with a copy of this letter of support to the County of Vermilion River as per their Policy # FI 011 Cash in Lieu of School Reserve Finance.

Sincerely,

SEVERED

Darcy Eddleston,
Board Chair,
Buffalo Trail Public Schools

pc. Bob Allen, Superintendent of Schools
Bob Brown, Secretary Treasurer
Vivian Locher, Assistant Treasurer
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June 5, 2018

To BTPS Board of Trustees,

Marwayne Jubilee School is requesting \$10,000.00 from the County of Vermilion River Funding. We would like to purchase five Roger Soundfield Systems that are hearing compatible these would benefit all students as well as one with a severe hearing deficiency.

Resch Noble who is a Gr. 6 student has been coping with a severe hearing impairment all of his young life. He has been using a single Phonak system that the teacher wears and it is linked to his hearing aids. The challenge we are facing moving to Jr High that he will be in a minimum of five different classrooms with different teachers. Resch will have to carry his system to the next teacher and the potential for damage or loss is probable. Another challenge is linking technology, especially any sound from the smartboard into his Phonak system. If we were able to purchase the Roger Soundfield Systems the flow of sound to ears from the teacher, smartboard, chromebook and other students would be improved immensely.

Please consider our request it would have a huge positive impact on the education for Resch as well as the other students in the class. I have attached a quote from Jay Kay Solutions with the prices of the units. (Roger Inspiro (Hearing Aid Compatible), Roger Audio Hub and the Roger Dyna Mic)

Sincerely,

Wayne Lewin
Sandra Beres

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June 6, 2018

Ms.Sandra Beres
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Quote for Phonak Soundfield System

ITEM NUMBER	QUANTITY	MSRP PRICE	Your Price
=====			
Loud Speaker			
Roger DigiMaster 7000 Loudspeaker* Includes: Power supply, power adapter, 3m audio input cable, floor stand with carrying case and tool kit for installation 052-3197	1	\$930.00	\$790.50
Roger inspiro			
Option # 1			
Roger inspiro SoundField* (SoundField use only) Includes: iLapel, power supply, USB cable, lavalier cord, belt clip, 1m audio input cable and case (052-3168)	1	\$899.00	\$764.15
Option # 2			
Roger inspiro (Hearing Aid Compatible) (also for personal FM and SoundField use) Includes: iLapel, power supply, USB cable, lavalier cord, belt clip, 1m audio input cable and case (052-3169)	1	\$1,499.00	\$1,274.15
Accessories for Options # 1 and 2			
(Roger DynaMic operates only with Roger inspiro in MTN. It cannot be used as a stand-alone transmitter) Includes: Power supply, stand, clamp, coloured rings (3pcs - red, blue, green) and USB cable (052-3173-876)	1	\$536.00	\$450.50
Roger AudioHub* (Roger AudioHub operates only with Roger inspiro in MTN. It cannot be used as a stand-alone transmitter) Includes: Power supply 1m audio input cable and patch cord (052-3178)	1	\$400.00	\$340.00
EasyBoom with Adapter Cable 052-3340	1	\$50.00	\$50.00
Shipping and handling	1	To be determine	

POLICY # FI-011

CASH IN LIEU OF SCHOOL RESERVE

DEPARTMENT: ADMINISTRATION

APPROVAL DATE:	12-10-11 (October 11, 2011)
REVISION DATE (s):	2017-05-75 (May 23, 2017)
REVIEW DATE (s):	

POLICY STATEMENT

In accordance with the *Municipal Government Act*, a subdivision authority may require the owner of a parcel of land that is the subject of a proposed subdivision to provide money in place of a municipal and school reserve. The County is committed to ensuring that funds collected are retained and redistributed to Schools within its boundaries for projects that have an educational value that are beneficial to the children.

PURPOSE

The Cash in Lieu Policy provides guidelines for the distribution of money collected in place of school reserves within the County of Vermilion River.

POLICY

1. Money collected in place of school reserve will be accounted for separately and interest earned on the accumulated funds shall be added back to a "School Reserve Fund".
2. Each School Board must enter into an agreement with the County of Vermilion River.
3. This money will be distributed in consultation with the School Board to local schools within the boundary of the County of Vermilion River in accordance with the *Municipal Government Act*.
4. Priority will be given to projects that enhance the long term educational value and provide a direct benefit to the children.
5. Each School may receive a maximum of \$5000 over a 3 year period.



6. Recognition of the funding source must be identified by the school on all educational funded components.

Applications:

1. Applications shall be directed to the sponsoring School Board for initial screening.
2. Upon endorsement by the School Board the applications will be forwarded to the County of Vermilion River for review and approval.
3. Once approval is obtained, the money will be distributed up based on receipts submitted by the local school.
4. Recognition will be coordinated through the County and School directly.