



MEETING DATE: JULY 15, 2025

REQUEST FOR DECISION - TO COUNCIL

SUBJECT

**MUNICIPAL PARTNER FOR BUFFALO COULEE HALL FUNDING APPLICATION –
MOTION REQUIRED**

RECOMMENDATION

THAT the County of Vermilion River partner with Buffalo Coulee Hall for the purpose of Buffalo Coulee Hall application for approval from Farm Credit Canada AgriSpiri Funding for capital improvements to the Buffalo Coulee Hall.

AND

THAT the County of Vermilion River authorize the Reeve to sign the letter of support to the Buffalo Coulee Community Hall for their application to Farm Credit Canada AgriSpiri Funding for capital improvements to the Buffalo Coulee Hall.

DETAILS

Background: The Buffalo Coulee Community Club (the “Club”) is needing to replace the roof on the Buffalo Coulee Hall, with the work to commence in Summer 2025. The Club is wanting to apply through the Farm Credit Canada (the “FCC”) AgriSpiri Fund to assist with the large cost of the capital project. A condition of the grant is that the non-profit organization (Buffalo Coulee Community Club) partners with a municipal government (the County of Vermilion River) to receive the funding on their behalf. The Club has indicated that they will be applying for funding in the amount of \$25,000.00

There is no national registry for non-profit organizations, so they must partner with their local municipal body or other nationally recognized organization to make an application, and if successful, obtain funding on their behalf.

The FCC AgriSpiri Fund application is open until July 30, 2025. This fund provides support to projects in communities of less than 150,000 people. Eligible funding is for \$10,000.00 to \$25,000.00. Examples of what may be considered for projects under this funding include supporting food recovery or food waste; initiatives that support agriculture and food;



environmental footprint reduction projects; improving accessibility and inclusion; and upgrades to community buildings.

Eligible projects must recognize FCC's contribution; be completed within two (2) years of receiving funding; demonstrate how the project will enhance the lives of community residents; and successfully pass FCC's background check.

Discussion: Partnership with the Buffalo Coulee Community Club on the grant application through FCC would be a County of Vermilion River (the "County") signature on the contract showing the County's support, and any awarded funds will be distributed to the County. In turn, the County would distribute the funding to its partner, the Buffalo Coulee Community Club, for their roof replacement project.

Relevant Policy/Legislation Practices:

Municipal Government Act

Farm Credit Canada (FCC)

Desired Outcome (s): THAT the County of Vermilion River partner with Buffalo Coulee Hall for the purpose of Buffalo Coulee Hall application for approval from Farm Credit Canada AgriSpirit Funding for capital improvements to the Buffalo Coulee Hall.

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Response Options: THAT the County of Vermilion River partner with Buffalo Coulee Hall for the purpose of Buffalo Coulee Hall application for approval from Farm Credit Canada AgriSpirit Funding for capital improvements to the Buffalo Coulee Hall.

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IMPLICATIONS OF RECOMMENDATION

Organizational: Administration to draft letter to the Buffalo Coulee Community Club

Financial: Administrative

Communication Required: Council, Administration, Buffalo Coulee Community Club

Implementation: Upon Council Approval

ATTACHMENTS

1. Letter of Support

PREPARED BY: Community Development Coordinator

REVIEWED BY: Director of Planning & Community Services

DATE: July 3, 2025