

## **RECREATION, PARKS AND COMMUNITY SUPPORT**

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**TO:** Council  
**DATE:** July 20, 2021  
**FILE:** N/A  
**SUBJECT:** Langdon Library Society Letter of Support

**DIVISION:** 4  
**APPLICATION:** N/A

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### **POLICY DIRECTION:**

On June 29, 2021, Council directed Administration “to continue working with the Langdon Library Society and facilitate a partnership with a community group to develop a strategy for funding and for identifying a new indoor multi-purpose community space”.

### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

At the June 29, 2021, Council Meeting, Administration presented a variety of scenarios to Council to provide interim library services to the hamlet of Langdon. While long-term library services will be addressed with the forthcoming Langdon Recreation Centre, which has been identified within the Recreation and Parks Master Plan, we evaluated options to assess the viability of establishing a temporary physical library presence within Langdon. As no viable option, appropriate site, or suitable funding source was identified at the time, Administration was directed to continue working with the Society to explore options, prospective locations, and funding sources.

To advance this proposed project, the Society plans to apply for a grant from the Canada Community Revitalization Fund through the Western Economic Diversification federal program. As part of the grant application, the Society is requesting a letter of support from the County.

### **ADMINISTRATION RECOMMENDATION:**

Administration recommends approval in accordance with Option #1.

### **BACKGROUND:**

Rocky View County (RVC) has identified library services as a need in the hamlet of Langdon, through the recommendations identified in the Recreation and Parks Master Plan as a future component of the Langdon Recreation Centre. The Langdon Recreation Centre is projected to be built as a RVC capital project within the next ten years.

The Langdon Library Society, with a prospective donation from the Cereal Municipal Library (which has closed due to the Village of Cereal dissolving), is seeking to accelerate the process and establish an interim location. Through ongoing discussions with the Society and other community organizations within and/or providing services in Langdon, it has been continually emphasized that the current need in the hamlet is more about obtaining an additional indoor multi-purpose community space; one that could house library services.

The Society is seeking to apply for funding from the Canada Community Revitalization Fund (CCRF) through the Western Economic Diversification federal program. The CCRF aims to help communities build and improve community infrastructure projects so they can rebound from the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic through building new community infrastructure and revitalizing existing assets, bringing people back to public spaces safely as health measures ease, and creating jobs and

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### **Administration Resources**

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stimulating local economies. Projects may involve libraries, multi-purpose centres, and facilities that have a local community impact.<sup>1</sup>

The Society's hope is that the potential funds received from the CCRF application will move the Langdon Library Project and multi-purpose community space forward in a timely manner. Due to the tight timelines for submission of the Society's grant application to CCRF, Administration has limited information to present to Council. Our understanding from discussions with the Society is that they are proposing to purchase two modular units to locate on a future site, which has yet to be identified. Administration has attached the Society's proposed capital budget as Attachment 'A' for Council's review.

It should be noted that Administration is meeting with the Society members to discuss options for locations for the temporary library site as the municipal building that houses the grader shed was deemed unsuitable due to the public safety and infrastructure concerns previously outlined in the report submitted to Council on June 29, 2021.

The letter of support identifies the County's future plans to include library services in the forthcoming Langdon Recreation Centre, the current ask of the Society for an interim solution, and that we support the project in a suitable location within the community that has yet to be determined. As with all letters of support, the County includes language that does not commit the Municipality for future funding.

#### **BUDGET IMPLICATIONS:**

There are no immediate budget implications associated with this request for a letter of support.

In accordance with the Provincial Libraries Act and County Policy C-312, public libraries are funded primarily by the local municipality. Council, in its annual budget, may provide operational funding to assist libraries located within the County that are members of Marigold.

If a library branch is established within the hamlet of Langdon, a three-party operating agreement between Rocky View County, the Langdon Library Society, and Marigold Library System will be required that clearly outlines roles and responsibilities (including financial) for each entity.

#### **STRATEGIC OBJECTIVES:**

The suggested solution of a temporary multi-purpose community space structure in a centralized location would align with the Strategic Theme of Financial Health, and the Strategic Objectives of Expanding Community Service Delivery and Increasing Awareness of the County's Financial Risk Tolerances.

#### **OPTIONS:**

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| Option #1 | THAT Administration be authorized to provide a letter of support for the Langdon Library Society's application to the Canada Community Revitalization Fund, as per Attachment 'B' |
| Option #2 | THAT alternative direction be provided.   |

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<sup>1</sup> Government of Canada, Canada Community Revitalization Fund, <https://www.wd-deo.gc.ca/eng/20175.asp>



Respectfully submitted,

Concurrence,

“Brock Beach”

“Kent Robinson”

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Acting Executive Director  
Community Development Services

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Acting Chief Administrative Officer

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**ATTACHMENTS:**

Attachment ‘A’ – Langdon Library Society Proposed Capital Budget

Attachment ‘B’ – Draft Letter of Support for Langdon Library Society’s CCRF Grant Application

# Langdon Library Society Location Modular Built Structures from Modus

Structure Purchase price	Unit A	\$	200,000.00
	Unit B	\$	200,000.00
Skirting and Insulation		\$	10,000.00
Pilers		\$	20,000.00
Site Preparation		\$	200,000.00
Site Services:			
Power		\$	15,000.00
Water & Sewer Hook up		\$	65,000.00
Landscaping		\$	25,000.00
Barrier Free Install		\$	16,000.00
Gas Line Install		\$	15,000.00
Phone Install		\$	10,000.00
Super Net Install		\$	190,000.00
Grand Total		\$	966,000.00



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Rocky View County is pleased to extend its support for the Langdon Library Society's grant application for funding to assist with purchase, site preparation, and installation of modular buildings at a location mutually agreed to by the Langdon Library Society and Rocky View County in Langdon, Alberta.

This proposed project will support a temporary library and multi-purpose community space until a permanent library can be constructed as part of the Langdon Recreation Centre as identified in Rocky View County's 2021 Recreation and Parks Master Plan. The modular buildings could thereafter continue to function long term as a multi-purpose space for the community.

Though this does not bind Rocky View County to provide any further funding to complete the library project, the County wishes the Langdon Library Society every success in their efforts to secure funding for this project.

Please contact me should you have any questions

Sincerely,

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