



Recreation Governance Committee

Subject:	Springbank Recreation Funding Policy C-706
Date:	September 27, 2023
Presenter:	Adriane Cairns, Community Projects Coordinator
Department:	Recreation, Parks & Community Support

REPORT SUMMARY

This report presents the new Springbank Recreation Funding Policy: C-706, and outlines the history of the funds and the compatibility between the policy and the South Springbank Community Facilities Business Case (Business Case).

ADMINISTRATION'S RECOMMENDATION

That the Recreation Governance Committee endorse the Springbank Recreation Funding Policy C-706 and direct Administration to present the policy to Council for consideration and approval.

BACKGROUND

In the spring of 2020, the County signed an agreement with the Government of Alberta that compensated the County for lost municipal tax revenue due to the completion of the Springbank Reservoir Project (SR1). On August 4, 2021, the County received \$10,000,000 for the loss of municipal tax revenue associated with SR1, and on September 14, 2021, Council passed a motion to transfer the \$10,000,000 to a reserve that would support recreational and cultural capital projects in Springbank.

At the January 20, 2022, Recreation Governance Committee meeting, Administration proposed amendments to Policy C-317: Community Recreation Funding Grant Program Policy, to include the eligibility and criteria for the allocation of the SR1 funds. At this meeting, Council identified the need for the funds in the Springbank Recreation Reserve to have its own stand-alone policy and passed the following motion:

MOVED by Councillor Hanson that agenda item E-4 (Community Recreation Funding Grant Program Policy, C-317 Springbank Reservoir Amendment) be referred back to administration to develop a stand-alone policy in lieu of Policy C-317, to manage the Springbank Recreation Reserve Fund.

In 2022, ±\$2,000,000 from the SR1 funding was used to purchase ±75 acres of bare land adjacent to the Springbank Park for All Season recreation facility for future community and recreation purposes.

In February of 2023, Administration presented the Business Case outlining the criteria and concept of the recreation legacy project that would be developed on the recently purchased ±75 acres. The Business Case recommended allocating the SR1 funds as a funding source.

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DISCUSSION

Administration is now bringing forward Policy C-706, the Springbank Recreation Funding Policy. The policy establishes eligibility for community groups to access the Springbank Recreation funds to develop community event centre, as proposed in the *Business Case* and *Recreation Parks Master Plan*.

This policy would allow Council, Administration, and community groups to have a clear direction on the utilization of the funds as the Business Case Phase 1 project moves forward.

ALTERNATE DIRECTION

THAT the Recreation Governance Committee endorse the Springbank Recreation Funding Policy C-706 with the following amendment(s):

- Section 5 of Policy C-706 be amended to state the funds be eligible for a maximum of two legacy recreational or community projects in the Springbank community.

AND THAT Recreation Governance Committee direct Administration to present the policy, as amended, to Council for consideration and approval.

Benefits:

The alternate direction as proposed would allow for funding to be allocated to projects in the community of Springbank and is not solely limited to the Community Event Centre as outlined as Phase 1 in the Business Case and as per Springbank Recreation Funding Policy #C-706.

Disadvantages:

By expanding the funding eligibility to projects outside of the Business Case and Recreation Parks Master Plan, community organization applications for new project or facilities may not align with the Business Case, the *Recreation Parks Master Plan* or other County planning documents, potentially causing delay of any one project, until funds are fully realized for any given project.

ATTACHMENTS

Attachment A: Springbank Recreation Funding Policy #C-706



ROCKY VIEW COUNTY

SPRINGBANK RECREATION FUNDING

Council Policy

C-706

Policy Number:	C-706
Policy Owner:	Recreation, Parks & Community Support
Adopted By:	Council
Adoption Date:	YYYY Month DD
Effective Date:	YYYY Month DD
Date Last Amended:	YYYY Month DD
Date Last Reviewed:	YYYY Month DD

Purpose

- 1 The Springbank Recreation Funding Policy establishes eligibility for community groups to access the Springbank Recreation Reserve to develop the Community Event Centre, as proposed in the *South Springbank Community Facilities Business Case* (Business Case) and *Recreation Parks Master Plan* (RPMP).



Policy Statement

- 2 Council values the volunteers and resources that non-profit community organizations provide for County residents.
- 3 The funds collected for the Springbank Recreation Reserve provide limited capital assistance to non-profit community organizations that propose infrastructure in alignment with the Business Case and RPMP.
- 4 The County encourages and supports partnership opportunities that enhance the quality of life for County residents.



Policy

- 5 The funds held within the Springbank Recreation Reserve will be allocated to the development of the Community Event Centre outlined in the Business Case and RPMP.
- 6 Non-profit community organizations and the County may access funds from the Springbank Recreation Reserve for the Community Event Centre outlined in the Business Case and RPMP.



Council Policy

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- (1) Funding requests must be directed to Administration and meet the criteria set in the Large Capital Project section of Council Policy C-317.
- 7 Non-profit community organizations accessing funds from the Springbank Recreation Reserve may access matching funds from external grants, through fundraising, or through corporate sponsorship.
- 8 Interest earned on funds listed in Section 5 is allocated into the Springbank Recreation Reserve account and may be used to maintain the land noted in the business case.
- 9 Council designates Grant Program funding in its annual budget as per policy C-317.



References

Legal Authorities

Related Plans, Bylaws, Policies, etc.

Related Procedures

Other

- Societies Act, RSA 2000, c S-14
- Council Policy C-317
- N/A
- South Springbank Community Facilities Business Case
- Rocky View County: Recreation and Parks Master Plan 2021
- Parks and Open Space Master Plan
- Active Transportation Plan – South County 2018



Policy History

Amendment Date(s) – Amendment Description

Review Date(s) – Review Outcome Description

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Definitions

- 10 In this policy:

- (1) “Administration” means the County CAO or designate;



- (2) “Chief Administrative Officer (CAO)” means the Chief Administrative Officer of Rocky View County as defined in the *Municipal Government Act* or their authorized delegate;
- (3) “Council” means the duly elected Council of Rocky View County;
- (4) “County” means Rocky View County;
- (5) “Municipal Government Act” means the Province of Alberta’s *Municipal Government Act*, RSA 2000, c M-26, as amended or replaced from time to time;
- (6) “Organizations” means non-profit groups that exist to serve the public benefit, are typically governed by a voluntary board of directors, and typically depend on volunteers to carry out essential parts of the groups’ or organizations’ work, though paid staff may fill certain positions;
- (7) “Recreation” means an experience that results from freely chosen participation in physical, social, intellectual, creative, and spiritual pursuits that enhance individual and community wellbeing;
- (8) “Recreation Governance Committee (RGC)” is a Council committee that acts as an approving body regarding matters pertaining to recreation and cultural services in the County, including grant applications, funding allocation, studies, and masterplans;
- (9) “Rocky View County” means Rocky View County as a municipal corporation and the geographical area within its jurisdictional boundaries, as the context requires;
- (10) “South Springbank Community Facilities Business Case” is the work program conducted for the Study that identifies the types of community facilities to be developed, functional programs and estimated capital costs in South Springbank.
- (11) “Springbank Recreation Reserve” is the reserve account that dedicates funds to Springbank recreational infrastructure. The funds are collected through land compensation and external infrastructure projects in the region.