

# **COUNCIL REPORT**

### Division 5 - Beiseker Airport Tax Sharing Agreement Cancellation

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Department: Intergovernmental Services and Regional Planning

Approved by: ⊠ Executive Director / Director and/or □ Chief Administrative Officer

#### REPORT SUMMARY

This report is to request Council direction to cancel the *Beiseker Airport Tax Sharing Agreement* following the sale of the airport from the Village of Beiseker to a third-party in the Fall of 2023.

#### **ADMINISTRATION'S RECOMMENDATION**

THAT Council directs Administration to provide the Village of Beiseker with 30 days written notice of termination of the *Airport Tax Sharing Agreement*.

#### **BACKGROUND**

At the October 6, 2009, Council meeting, Council directed Administration to include a contribution to the Village of Beiseker in the 2010 budget that would represent the transfer of the annual municipal tax collected from the Beiseker Airport's facilities. The County maintained this practice from 2010 to 2020 before formalizing the practice in 2020 with the *Beiseker Airport Tax Revenue Sharing Agreement* at the October 6, 2020, regular Council meeting. In 2023, the County provided \$13,572.26in property tax to the Village.

On January 31, 2024, the Village of Beiseker notified County Administration that it had sold the Beiseker Airport to a third party in the Fall of 2023. Administration has contacted the Village of Beiseker's Administration regarding this agreement, Village Administration agreed that cancellation is appropriate as they no longer operate the facility.

#### **ANALYSIS**

As the Village of Beiseker is no longer responsible for operating or maintaining the airport, the original rationale for the tax-sharing agreement is no longer valid. As such, Administration recommends that the tax-sharing agreement be terminated, and that the County provides formal written notice of termination 30 days in advance, in alignment with Section 2.2 of the agreement.

#### **COMMUNICATIONS / ENGAGEMENT**

In accordance with Section 2.2 of the *Beiseker Airport Tax Sharing Agreement*, County Administration would provide the Village of Beiseker with thirty-days written notification of termination of the agreement.

#### **IMPLICATIONS**

#### **Financial**

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Termination of this agreement would allow the County to retain all future municipal property taxes collected on the Beiseker Airport facilities.

#### STRATEGIC ALIGNMENT

Key Performance Indicators			Strategic Alignment
Financial Prosperity	FP1: Successfully planning and managing tax revenues between residential and non-residential landowners	FP1.1: Residential/Non- Residential Assessment Split Ratio as set out in the Assessment Diversification Policy	Cancelling this agreement would allow the County to retain the non-residential property taxes collected from the Beiseker Airport facilities.

#### **ALTERNATE DIRECTION**

Administration has not identified an alternate direction for Council's consideration.

#### **ATTACHMENTS**

Attachment A: Beiseker Airport Tax Revenue Sharing Agreement