



## **RECREATION, PARKS & COMMUNITY SUPPORT**

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**TO:** Council

**DATE:** February 23, 2021 **DIVISION:** 2

**FILE:** N/A **APPLICATION:** N/A

**SUBJECT:** Municipal Sustainability Initiative (MSI) Funding – Springbank Recreational Initiatives

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### **POLICY DIRECTION:**

At their January 27, 2021, meeting, the Recreation Governance Committee (RGC) passed a motion recommending that Council approve \$740,000 of the Municipal Sustainability Initiative (MSI) grant towards supporting identified capital lifecycle projects, including the Red Dutton Arena project, at the Springbank Park For All Seasons (SPFAS).

### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

In July 2013, in response to recreational MSI funding for regional areas, Council passed a motion earmarking a maximum of \$2.2 million dollars of MSI funding for recreation projects in the Springbank area, which may include lands yet to be identified, to support new recreational and cultural amenities or future expansion of recreational and cultural amenities in the region.

To date, a total of \$1,460,000 of those MSI funding has been allocated. To use the remaining \$740,000.00, the proposal from SPFAS, recommended by RGC, is being presented for Council's consideration.

### **ADMINISTRATION RECOMMENDATION:**

Administration recommends approval, in accordance with Option #1.

### **BACKGROUND:**

The \$1,460,000 of thus-far-approved MSI funds earmarked for recreation projects in Springbank have been allocated as follows:

- \$1,069,000.00: SPFAS – for lifecycle improvements identified in the 2019 Stantec Capital Renewal Plan.
- \$300,000.00: SPFAS – for improvements related to the life cycling and expansion to the front entrance, concession, and washroom areas.
- \$91,000.00: Springbank Dog Park – for the implementation of an off-leash dog park in the area.

At the January 27, 2021, RGC meeting, for RGC's consideration, Administration presented options to allocate the remaining MSI funds. Upon review, RGC recommended allocating the remaining \$740,000 towards SPFAS' proposal.

The SPFAS seeks to secure further MSI funding to narrow the funding gap to complete the Red Dutton Arena's slab replacement, the front entrance project, as well as other identified capital replacement projects.

The SPFAS received updated project cost estimates and is now seeking to finalize \$3,311,065 of project financing. Therefore, based on their present funding resource of approximately \$2.4 million, they anticipate a short fall of \$910,745. The SPFAS is seeking Council's approval to allocate the remaining MSI funds towards narrowing this gap. A summary of the project costs and funding is shown in Table 1. Additional information provided by SPFAS is included in Attachment 'A'.

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### **Administration Resources**

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**Table 1: Project Cost and SPFAS Funding Sources**

Project	Total Capital Cost
Refrigeration Upgrades Recently Completed	\$ 100,665.00
Red Dutton Slab Replacement	\$ 1,725,400.00
Front Entrance/Curling Kitchen	\$ 780,000.00
Elevator	\$ 200,000.00
Maintenance Capital Over 3 Years	\$ 505,000.00
<b>Total Capital</b>	<b>\$ 3,311,065.00</b>
SPFAS Funding Sources	Funding Amount
Allocated MSI Funds for SPFAS	\$ 1,369,000.00
SPFAS Capital Fund	\$ 691,320.00
CFEP \$100,000 Applied for by SPFAS (Not Yet Approved)	\$ 100,000.00
SPFAS Use of RVC Annual Capital Grant (\$80,000/year x 3 Years)	\$ 240,000.00
<b>Total Funding</b>	<b>\$ 2,400,320</b>
<b>Funding short fall as Jan 25, 2021</b>	<b>\$ (910,745.00)</b>

It should be noted, as stated on SPFAS' proposal, in addition to securing MSI funds, the group intends to submit an additional grant request through the Community Recreation Funding Program as an emergency ask of approximately \$170,745, plus a yearly \$80,000.00 capital grant allocation, based on historical funding approval, for the next three years, to narrow the above noted short fall.

Should Council approve SPFAS' proposal to secure further funding, an application to the Province of Alberta's Municipal Sustainability Initiative Grant would be required.

#### **STRATEGIC ALIGNMENT:**

The County, in conjunction with community partners, is working to leverage and coordinate limited resources towards the delivery of highest quality of recreation services for our residents.

The proposal aligns with the recommendations of the 2021 Recreation and Parks Master Plan. By proactively addressing projects that have the interest of users and residents, and by supporting the much needed lifecycle projects for the SPFAS recreation facility, the County will continue to build on its *Strategic Plan* by: investing in quality infrastructure for current and future recreational needs; improving services delivery; reducing red-tape; and promoting financial health.



**BUDGET IMPLICATIONS:**

Funding for these projects is to be sourced through the Province of Alberta via the MSI program. A budget adjustment in the amount of \$740,000.00 would be needed to support these initiatives when approved by Council, as indicated in Attachment 'B'.

**OPTIONS:**

- Option #1      Motion 1:      THAT Administration be directed to make application to the Municipal Sustainability Initiative in the amount of \$740,000.00 to support identified capital lifecycle projects, including the Red Dutton Area project, at Springbank Park For All Seasons.
- Motion 2:      THAT the Budget Adjustment contained in Attachment 'B' be approved.
- Option #2      THAT alternative direction be provided.

Respectfully submitted,

Concurrence,

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**ATTACHMENTS:**

- ATTACHMENT 'A' – Springbank Park For All Seasons – Updated Request Letter  
ATTACHMENT 'B' – Budget Adjustment