



COUNCIL REPORT

Rocky View Foundation Board Letter of Support – Composition Amendment

Electoral Division: All

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REPORT SUMMARY

This report outlines the Rocky View Foundation’s (RVF) February 28, 2025, request for a letter of support to amend the composition of its Board of Directors. The RVF Board seeks to allocate a second seat to the City of Airdrie to reflect its role in contributing 32% annual requisition for RVF and 48% population served by the Foundation. If supported, this would provide the City of Airdrie with similar representation to Rocky View County which provides 50% of the annual requisition to RVF and represents 27% of the residents in the region. This report examines the financial contributions of the members of the RVF Board of Directors and the population distribution within the region. Administration seeks Council direction on providing a letter of support to amend the Ministerial Order governing the RVF Board of Directors. RVF has requested that the County respond to the Board of Directors with its decision by April 16, 2025.

ADMINISTRATION’S RECOMMENDATION

THAT Council direct the Reeve to send a letter of support to the Rocky View Foundation in response to their request to amend the Ministerial Order governing the composition of the Foundation's Board of Directors to provide a second Board seat to the City of Airdrie.

BACKGROUND

Established in 1964, RVF provides affordable housing solutions and rental assistance programs for residents of the County and its neighbouring municipalities. The Board of Directors for RVF includes Council-appointed representatives from its members: Rocky View County (2 seats), the City of Airdrie (1 seat), the Town of Irricana (1 seat), the Town of Cochrane (1 seat), the Town of Crossfield (1 seat) and the Village of Beiseker (1 seat).

The composition of the Board was established by Ministerial Order in 1964 and has not been altered since RVF was established in 1964. Recent changes to population in the region have caused the Board to reconsider its composition to ensure that the members contributing the most in municipal requisitions are adequately represented. To amend the Ministerial Order governing the Board’s composition, all members of RVF must provide the provincial government with a letter of support for the change. RVF requested a letter of support from Rocky View County to amend the composition of the Board of Directors on February 28, 2025, and a response is required by April 16, 2025.

RVF is funded by a combination of provincial operation funds, grants, donations, rentals and municipal requisitions. Municipal requisitions are collected by municipalities on behalf of RVF as part of the annual property tax bill, with property owners in the municipalities served by RVF contributing approximately \$0.08 per \$1,000 of assessed residential and commercial property value. In 2023 RVF collected \$2,110,011 in municipal requisitions, of which \$1,060,929 was collected from the County.



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2023 Municipal Requisitions (\$2,110,011) and Population (152,859)				
Municipality	Requisition (\$)	Percent of total requisition	Population (2023)	Percent of total population
Airdrie	676,378	32	74,100	48
Beiseker	5,399	<1	754	<1
Cochrane	325,040	15	32,199	21
Crossfield	35,154	2	3,599	2
Irricana	7,111	<1	1,179	<1
Rocky View County	1,060,929	50	41,028	27

ANALYSIS

Since the establishment of RVF in 1964 as a Housing Management Body, the population of the region has substantially grown, with the City of Airdrie growing from 14,500 residents in 1994 to over 85,000 in 2023. During this same period, the City of Airdrie's contribution to the municipal requisition has grown to approximately 32% of the total annual requisition. Recognizing the significant contribution of the City of Airdrie to RVF, and the increasing needs associated with the population growth in the municipality, the Board of Directors is requesting that the provincial government amend the Ministerial Order governing the Board of Directors composition to provide the city with a second seat. RVFs Board of Directors believes that this will ensure balanced governance.

If the Ministerial Order governing the Board of Directors is amended, the City of Airdrie will have the same representation as the County. The City of Airdrie's population has grown to represent nearly half of the population served by RVF, its portion of requisition has increased to match this growth. The needs of the City of Airdrie's residents, combined with their significant contribution to the municipal requisition indicates an increased need for representation on the Board of Directors. Providing the City of Airdrie with a second seat on the Board of Directors will allow for a balanced approach to governance from the two municipalities that represent the largest portion of the municipal requisition and population serviced by RVF.

COMMUNICATIONS / ENGAGEMENT

No communication or engagement is required.

IMPLICATIONS

Financial

There are no financial implications.

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STRATEGIC ALIGNMENT

	Key Performance Indicators	Strategic Alignment
Effective Service Delivery	SD1: Services levels are clearly defined, communicated and transparent to citizens	Appropriate representation on the Board of Directors of the Rocky View Foundation will ensure that the municipalities that contribute the most in municipal requisitions to the organization are represented on the Board.

ALTERNATE DIRECTION

THAT Council receives the request from the Rocky View Foundation for information.

ATTACHMENTS

Attachment A: Request for Amendment to Ministerial Order for Board Composition

APPROVALS

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