



## FINANCIAL SERVICES

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<b>TO:</b>	Council	<b>DIVISION:</b> ALL
<b>DATE:</b>	September 1, 2020	
<b>FILE:</b>	N/A	
<b>SUBJECT:</b>	Municipal Stimulus Program (MSP)	

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### POLICY DIRECTION:

Section 242 of the *Municipal Government Act* prescribes that Council must adopt a budget for each calendar year. Once the base budget is approved by Council, all subsequent adjustments are considered and approved by Council.

### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The Government of Alberta has allocated \$4,684,300 to Rocky View County through the Municipality Stimulus Program (MSP). Administration has identified eligible projects for Council's consideration. To qualify for this program, committed funding allocation for projects must be in place by October 1, 2020.

### ADMINISTRATION RECOMMENDATION:

Administration recommends approval in accordance with Option #1.

### BACKGROUND:

The Government of Alberta recently announced a capital infrastructure funding program for Municipalities, the Municipal Stimulus Program (MSP), with the primary objective of sustaining and creating local jobs, enhancing provincial competitiveness and productivity, positioning communities to participate in future economic growth, and reducing municipal red-tape to promote job-creating private sector investment.

Rocky View County has been allocated MSP grant funding of \$4,684,300. This funding provides Rocky View County the opportunity to construct infrastructure that previously had no funding source. Municipalities must commit their funding allocation to projects by October 1, 2020, or risk losing access to their allocation. Municipalities must also spend all allocated funding on accepted project(s) by December 31, 2021. Up to five (5) applications per municipality will be accepted by the Province. Administration has identified the following eligible projects and is seeking Council's approval of the attached budget adjustment as presented in Attachment 'A'.

### Projects

- 1) **Recreation - Capital lifecycle improvements – County pathways and trails.** Preliminary recommendations from the Recreation Master Plan (RMP) suggest that initial investment should be made into lifecycle maintenance on County-owned pathways and trails. Key alignments include: a) Langdon park; b) Langdon (within the hamlet); c) Elbow Valley; d) Calling Horse Estates; and e) Dewitt's pond. Budget adjustment \$1,000,000 (MSP).
- 2) **Recreation - Bragg Creek Trails and Pedestrian Connectivity – Paving of the existing West Bragg Creek Trail from Balsam Road to Bragg Creek bridge along West Bragg Road.** The West Bragg Creek Trail forms part of the Trans Canada Trail and connects the hamlet of Bragg Creek to Kananaskis Country. This includes construction of a pathway from

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### Administration Resources

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Banded Peak School to the Bragg Creek Community Center. Budget adjustment \$800,000 (MSP).

- 3) **Recreation - Langdon Fieldhouse water tie-in.** Extension of water service to the Langdon fieldhouse from Centre Street. Budget adjustment \$150,000 (MSP).
- 4) **Roads – Cross Iron Drive widening and Overlay (Dwight McLellan Trail to Range Road 291).** Widening and resurfacing of 3.0km of a 'Network B' road to improve access within a high demand commercial/industrial employment center. The road currently supports more than 2,500 vehicles per day, and with existing development already underway, that will see usage continue to grow. Total project cost is \$2,250,000. Budget adjustment \$734,300 MSP Grant funding and \$1,515,700 Transportation Offsite Levy Reserve.
- 5) **Capital Projects - Water line extension to Prince of Peace.** This project/infrastructure would extend the municipal water system from the Conrich pump station to the Prince of Peace lands to support both the existing residents and new growth. This project will provide reliable access to potable water for residents in Conrich and Prince of Peace. The entire project cost is \$5.0M, with the initial \$2,000,000 for detailed engineering and initial construction of the project. The additional \$3.0M is to be funded by way of Local Improvement Tax and/or developer contribution. Budget adjustment \$2,000,000 (MSP).

### BUDGET IMPLICATIONS:

\$(4,684,300)	Increased MSP grant revenue
\$(1,515,700)	Transportation Offsite Levy Reserve
<u>\$ 6,200,000</u>	Total project expenses
Nil	Net cost to Rocky View County

### OPTIONS:

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| Option #1: | <p>Motion #1    THAT the budget adjustment presented in Attachment 'A' be approved.</p> <p>Motion #2    THAT Administration be directed to make application to the Municipal Stimulus Program for the projects identified in this report.</p> |
| Option #2: | <p>THAT alternative direction be provided.</p>  |

Respectfully submitted,

Concurrence,

"Kent Robinson"

"Al Hoggan"

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Executive Director  
Corporate Services

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Chief Administrative Officer

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**ATTACHMENTS:**

ATTACHMENT 'A' – Budget Adjustment

Description	Budget Adjustment for the MSP Grant	Budget Adjustment
EXPENDITURES:		
Capital Lifecycle Improvements - County Pathways and Trails		1,000,000.00
Bragg Creek Trails and Pedestrian Connectivity		800,000.00
Langdon Fieldhouse Water Tie in		150,000.00
Road Improvement -Cross Iron Drive Widening and Overlay (Dwight McLellan Trail to Range Road 291)		2,250,000.00
Prince of Peace Water Line Extension		2,000,000.00
TOTAL EXPENSE:		\$ 6,200,000.00
REVENUES:		
Municipal Stimulus Program Grant		(4,684,300.00)
Transfer from Transportation Offsite Levy Reserve		(1,515,700.00)
TOTAL REVENUE:		\$ (6,200,000.00)
NET BUDGET REVISION:		0
REASON FOR BUDGET REVISION: Budget adjustment for the Recreation, Roads and Capital Projects. Funded by Municipal Stimulus Program Grant and Transportation Offsite Levy Reserve.		
<b>AUTHORIZATION:</b>  <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> <div>             Chief Administrative Officer _____              Al Hoggan           </div> <div>             Council Meeting Date: _____           </div> </div> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; margin-top: 20px;"> <div>             Exec Dir, Corp Services _____              Kent Robinson           </div> <div>             Council Motion Reference: _____           </div> </div> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; margin-top: 20px;"> <div>             Manager: _____           </div> <div>             Date: _____           </div> </div>		

Budget AJE No: \_\_\_\_\_

Posting Date: \_\_\_\_\_