



RECREATION, PARKS & COMMUNITY SUPPORT

TO:	Council	
DATE:	April 5, 2022	DIVISION: All
FILE:	N/A	APPLICATION: N/A
SUBJECT:	Irricana Recreation Five-Year Cost Sharing Agreement	

POLICY DIRECTION:

This request is presented in accordance with Council Policy 317 - Community Recreation Funding.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The Town of Irricana and Rocky View County's five-year recreation cost sharing agreement was last approved in 2007 and has successfully supported recreational amenities for the Irricana region.

Working with administration from the Town of Irricana, the development of the new agreement has been collaborative and straight forward. Both parties are satisfied with the agreement, as the intent of the document and the funding allocation is similar to the agreement that was in place over 10 years ago.

ADMINISTRATION RECOMMENDATION:

Administration recommends approval in accordance with Option #1.

BACKGROUND:

Recreation is essential to quality of life and is a proactive means for enhancing individual and community vitality. Participation in recreation builds family unity and social capital, strengthens volunteer and community capacity development, enhances social interactions, and promotes sensitivity and understanding of cultural diversity.

Irricana provides access and services to the residents of the County for recreational and cultural amenities.

It has been over a decade since Rocky View County has had a formal cost sharing agreement with Irricana, so we are pleased that we have been able to collaboratively draft an agreement that is similar to the one with Beiseker and meets the needs of both Irricana and the County.

This agreement is designed to formalize the historical commitment toward recreational amenities that have already been established. It is intended to continue to build on a strong, sustainable foundation that will support recreational and cultural facilities and services in the best interests of Irricana and County residents.

Should Council approve the new cost sharing agreement, in accordance with Council Policy 317 - Community Recreation Funding, Rocky View County would allocate an annual operating grant of \$20,000 to support programs and services offered within the Town of Irricana catchment area.

BUDGET IMPLICATIONS:

There are no budget implications associated with this request as the funds are already included in the 2022 budget.

Administration Resources

Amber Smith, Recreation, Parks and Community Support



ROCKY VIEW COUNTY

OPTIONS:

- Option #1 THAT the five-year Irricana Recreation Cost Sharing Agreement, as presented in Attachment 'A', be approved.
- Option #2 THAT alternative direction be provided.

Respectfully submitted,

Concurrence,

"Brock Beach"

"Byron Riemann"

Acting Executive Director
Community Development Services

Acting Chief Administrative Officer

AS/cc

ATTACHMENTS:

Attachment 'A' – Irricana Recreation Cost Sharing Agreement