



## UTILITY SERVICES

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**TO:** Council  
**DATE:** April 5, 2022  
**FILE:** 4000-200  
**SUBJECT:** Calgary Region Airshed Zone (CRAZ) Presentation

**DIVISION:** All  
**APPLICATION:** N/A

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### POLICY DIRECTION:

Public presentations to Council are accommodated through Council meetings.

### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

Information about the Calgary Region Airshed Zone (CRAZ), including the benefits of membership, will be presented to Council as requested by the CRAZ Executive Director, Jill Bloor and CRAZ Engagement Program Manager, Tanya Carlson.

### ADMINISTRATION RECOMMENDATION:

Administration recommends approval in accordance with Option #1.

### BACKGROUND:

The Calgary Region Airshed Zone (CRAZ) is a non-profit organization whose mission is to monitor, analyze, and provide information on air quality and develop strategies to manage air quality issues with the Calgary Regional Airshed Zone.

Rocky View County was a member of the organization until 2020. In the past, Administration was active on the Policy Committee and Rocky View County currently hosts a purple air monitor at the Balzac Campus. Purple Air monitors collect and share real-time, internet-based, air quality data for particulate matter<sup>2.5</sup>.

### BUDGET IMPLICATIONS:

Budgetary support for membership in regional air and watershed groups was discontinued in 2021 as a cost savings measure. Membership fees are based on population size (\$0.10/capita) and Rocky View County's projected fee would be \$4,102.80 for 2022 if Council were to direct Administration to reinstate the County's membership.

### STRATEGIC OBJECTIVES:

Supporting CRAZ aligns with two of Council's strategic objectives: responsible growth and embracing partnerships. Responsible growth objective considers how development decisions impact County finances, infrastructure, and environment for residents today, and into the future. The objective to embrace partnerships includes working collectively with other government jurisdictions, and local community and service groups.



**OPTIONS:**

- Option #1: THAT the Calgary Regional Airshed Zone Presentation be received as information.
- Option #2: THAT Administration be directed to include \$4,102.80 to reinstate membership in the Calgary Region Airshed Zone as part of Spring budget finalization for Council's consideration.
- Option #3: THAT alternative direction be provided.

Respectfully submitted,

Concurrence,

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Executive Director  
Operations

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Acting Chief Administrative Officer

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**ATTACHMENTS:**

ATTACHMENT 'A': Calgary Region Airshed Zone Presentation