

LEGISLATIVE AND INTERGOVERNMENTAL SERVICES

TO: Council

DATE: April 26, 2022 DIVISION: 1

FILE: N/A APPLICATION: N/A

SUBJECT: Request from Tsuut'ina Nation – Northern Boundary Fencing Project

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The County has received a letter (Attachment 'A') from Tsuut'ina Nation requesting an \$80,000 contribution for a boundary line fencing project along the shared boundary between the Nation and the County.

DISCUSSION:

In October 2021, representatives from Tsuut'ina Nation contacted Administration to discuss a proposed fencing project along their northern boundary. Tsuut'ina Administration outlined concerns with encroachment on a public road allowance, as well as trespassing and dumping on Nation land (Attachment 'B'). There are concerns with public safety due to unexploded ordinance on the northeastern portion of the Reserve.

The Nation's proposed fence project is located along 10 km of the northern boundary of the Reserve, 6.5 km of which is shared with the County, and the remaining 3.5 km is shared with the City of Calgary. Of the 6.5 km County portion, 4.1 km is located along public road allowances and 2.4 km adjoins private property due to a past road allowance closure in the community of Elbow Valley. Additional background information can be found in the Tsuut'ina Northern Boundary Report (Attachment 'C').

On March 8, 2022, the County received a letter (Attachment 'A') from the Nation requesting that the County contribute \$80,000 towards the project. The total estimated cost of the fencing project is ~\$530,000, and Tsuut'ina Nation has obtained an \$80,000 commitment from the City of Calgary. Construction on the project is already underway with a target completion date by end of April 2022. The Nation has taken steps to notify adjoining County landowners via registered letter and the local residents' club.

BUDGET IMPLICATIONS:

Approval of this request would require an \$80,000 budget adjustment (Attachment 'D').

OPTIONS:

Option #1 THAT the request for \$80,000 from Tsuut'ina Nation towards a fencing project along the

shared boundary be approved.

Option #2 THAT alternative direction be provided.



Respectfully submitted,		Concurrence,
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Director, Legislative and Intergovernmental Services		Acting Chief Administrative Officer
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ATTACHMENTS:	Attachment 'A' – Letter from Tsuut'ina Nation Attachment 'B' – Tsuut'ina Nation North Boundary Fencing Project Executive Summary Attachment 'C' – The North Boundary of the Tsuut'ina Nation Reserve Report Attachment 'D' – Budget Adjustment	