

## RECREATION, PARKS AND COMMUNITY SUPPORT

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**TO:** Council  
**DATE:** June 28, 2022 **DIVISION:** 6  
**FILE:** N/A  
**SUBJECT:** Bow Valley Agricultural Society Letter of Support

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### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The Bow Valley Agricultural Society is requesting a letter of support to include with grant applications to assist with capital costs related to the expansion of an additional ice sheet at the Indus Arena.

### ADMINISTRATION RECOMMENDATION:

Administration recommends approval in accordance with Option #1.

### BACKGROUND:

Through the Recreation & Parks Master Plan, Rocky View County has recognized the need for an additional ice surface at the Indus Arena.

The Bow Valley Agricultural Society has been working on their arena expansion project since 2006. In that time, the society has completed a market assessment, developed conceptual plans, produced a business and operational plan, and held ongoing public engagement sessions with the community and partners who will use the facility.

In the fall of 2017, Council recommended that \$1.75 million in funding be approved for the Indus Recreation Centre Expansion Project; that funding is identified in the County's Capital Plan and is committed through several funding sources.

To support this project, the Society needs to continue to fundraise and is consistently applying for numerous grant opportunities. Most grant applications, outside of the County, require a letter of support from the respective municipality if the facility is on municipally-owned land. As with all letters of support, the County includes language that does not commit the municipality for future funding.

### BUDGET IMPLICATIONS:

There are no budget implications associated with this request of providing a letter of support.

### OPTIONS:

- Option #1                    THAT Administration be authorized to provide a letter of support for the Bow Valley Agricultural Society for their Indus Recreation Centre Expansion Project, as per Attachment 'A'
- Option #2                    THAT alternative direction be provided.

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### Administration Resources

Amber Smith, Recreation, Parks and Community Support



ROCKY VIEW COUNTY

Respectfully submitted,

Concurrence,

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“Dorian Wandzura”

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Acting Executive Director  
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**ATTACHMENTS:**

ATTACHMENT ‘A’ – Draft Letter of Support for the Bow Valley Agricultural Society