



RECREATION, PARKS & COMMUNITY SUPPORT

TO: Council

DATE: June 28, 2022 **DIVISION:** 7

FILE: N/A

SUBJECT: Langdon Recreation Grant Program Policy, C-328

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The Langdon Recreation Grant Program Policy, C-328, has recently undergone a review under the County’s policy review process. Minor amendments are proposed to provide clarity and be consistent with our policy standards. The policy intent would not change and would continue to function as originally intended.

On June 15, a report was brought to the Recreation Governance Committee, who recommended the amendments be brought to Council for final approval.

ADMINISTRATION RECOMMENDATION:

Administration recommends that the Langdon Recreation Grant Program Policy, C-328, be approved in accordance with Option #1.

BACKGROUND:

The Langdon Recreation Grant Program Policy, C-328, was adopted by Council on October 14, 2014, to establish an annual funding program to support community initiatives that improve recreational services in the hamlet of Langdon. This program is resourced exclusively through the Langdon Recreation Special Tax Levy. The policy was most recently amended on February 25, 2020.

Attachment ‘A’ shows the proposed textual amendments to Policy C-328, which are being made for policy consistency, for language clarity, to clarify the roles of Council and Administration, and to add and amend definitions as required.

Table 1 outlines the proposed amendments to the existing Policy C-328.

Table 1: Proposed amendments to Policy C-328

Amended Section	Proposed Addition or Change	Rationale
Purpose		
1 – amended	<p>Proposed: This policy establishes the Langdon Recreation Grant Program, which provides financial resources for recreation services in the hamlet of Langdon in Rocky View County (“the County”).</p> <p>Former: This policy establishes the Langdon Recreation Grant Program, which resources community initiatives that improve recreation services in the hamlet of Langdon in Rocky View County (the County).</p>	Point of clarification, alignment with policy intent

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Policy		
5 – amended	<p>Proposed: The Langdon Recreation Grant Program is funded by the <i>Langdon Special Tax Rate Bylaw</i>.</p> <p>Former: The Langdon recreation special tax levy funds the Langdon Recreation Grant Program.</p>	Point of clarification, usage of correct terminology
6 – amended	<p>Proposed: Council approves the <i>Langdon Special Tax Rate Bylaw</i> annually.</p> <p>Former: Council approves the Langdon special tax levy annually by bylaw.</p>	Point of clarification, usage of correct terminology
8 – amended	<p>Proposed: The RGC reviews grant applications in accordance with the Recreation and Parks Master Plan.</p> <p>Former: The RGC reviews grant applications against applicable recreation and open space master plans.</p>	Point of clarification, usage of correct terminology, alignment with approved County plans
10 – amended	<p>Proposed: If the number of funding requests exceeds the funds available, not all funding requests will be approved.</p> <p>Former: If the number of funding requests exceeds the funds available, eligible initiatives may not receive full funding.</p>	Point of clarification, consistency with comparable funding policies
11(3) – amended	<p>To be eligible for a grant under this policy: applicants must be ...</p> <p>Programs must be offered at a reasonable affordable non-restrictive fee.</p>	Point of clarification, usage of correct terminology, consistency with comparable funding policies
12 – amended	<p>Proposed: Funding priority is given to initiatives that provide priority use to Langdon residents.</p> <p>Former: Funding priority is given to initiatives that encourage Langdon residents to participate.</p>	Point of clarification, alignment with policy intent



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13(2) – eliminated	The following organizations, initiatives, and expenditures are ineligible for funding under this policy:… museums (moved to Section 14)	Consistency with comparable funding policies, alignment with policy intent
13(2) – new	The following organizations, initiatives, and expenditures are ineligible for funding under this policy:… religious societies (moved from Section 14)	Consistency with comparable funding policies, alignment with policy intent
13(5) – amended	The following organizations, initiatives, and expenditures are ineligible for funding under this policy:… facilities that do not allow reasonable access to the general public	Point of clarification, usage of correct terminology
13(7) – amended	The following organizations, initiatives, and expenditures are ineligible for funding under this policy:… costs to operate the applicant’s organization, such as the salaries, wages, and day-to-day administration costs	Point of clarification, usage of correct terminology
14(1) – eliminated	Funding for the following organizations, initiatives, and expenditures are subject to the RGC’s discretion:… religious societies (moved to Section 13)	Consistency with comparable funding policies, alignment with policy intent
14(2) – new	The following organizations, initiatives, and expenditures are ineligible for funding under this policy:… museums (moved from Section 13)	Consistency with comparable funding policies, alignment with policy intent
16 – amended	Grant awards are subject to conditions. The County releases the funds once all grant conditions of the grant are satisfied. Note: was number 15(3), renumbered as own section – all other sections moved down one	Point of clarification, consistency with comparable funding policies



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References		
Related Plans, Bylaws, Policies, etc. – amended	Rocky View County Bylaw “Langdon Special Tax Rate Bylaw” Note: As the bylaw is replaced annually, removed reference to the year.	Point of clarification
Definitions		
22(7) – amended	Proposed: “funding agreement” is an agreement that could include and is not limited to a memorandum of understanding or a dissolution agreement, and... Former: 21(7) “funding agreement” means a memorandum of understanding defining the provisions of County support or oversight through the life of the project or for the provision of the improvement, including minimum conditions for funding award, and...	Point of clarification, consistency with comparable funding policies, alignment with policy intent
22(8) – new	Honoraria, defined as a payment given for professional services that are rendered nominally without charge	Point of clarification

BUDGET IMPLICATIONS:

There are no budget implications at this time.

OPTIONS:

Option #1 THAT the amended Langdon Recreation Grant Program Policy, C-328, be approved, as per Attachment ‘A’.

Option #2 THAT alternative direction be provided.

Respectfully submitted,

Concurrence,

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ATTACHMENTS:

ATTACHMENT 'A' – Proposed Langdon Recreation Grant Program Policy, C-328 (draft)

ATTACHMENT 'B' – Existing Langdon Recreation Grant Program Policy, C-328