



RECREATION, PARKS & COMMUNITY SUPPORT

TO:	Council	
DATE:	December 6, 2022	DIVISION: 5
FILE:	N/A	APPLICATION: N/A
SUBJECT:	Airdrie Recreation Five-Year Cost Sharing Agreement	

POLICY DIRECTION:

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

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The City of Airdrie and Rocky View County's five-year recreation cost sharing agreement was last approved in 2009 and has successfully supported recreational amenities for the Airdrie region.

Working with administration from the City of Airdrie, the development of the new agreement has been collaborative and straight forward. Administration has reviewed the draft agreement with our respective Inter-Municipal Committee (IMC) prior to presenting to Council for consideration.

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

The City and County have a longstanding and mutually beneficial relationship, enabling cooperation and efficient delivery of recreational services. Both parties recognize the value to the residents of both Airdrie and Rocky View County for the reciprocal use of recreational amenities in both municipalities.

It has been nine years since Rocky View County has had a formal cost sharing agreement with Airdrie, so we are pleased that we have been able to collaboratively draft an agreement that meets the needs of both Airdrie and the County. On November 22, 2022, the IMC Committee reviewed the agreement and were in support thereof.

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 Airdrie and County residents.

The funding allocation in the new cost sharing agreement, in accordance with Council Policy 317, Rocky View County would contribute 6% of the City's net annual operational commitment, including annual life cycle costs for the Urban facilities listed in Schedule "B" of the agreement.

Administration Resources

Adriane Cairns, Recreation, Parks and Community Support



Additional key areas within the agreement:

1. This Agreement allows equal access for equal user fees for County residents.
2. At any time, either Party can request updated data.
3. This Agreement is solely restricted to operational funding and does not include any capital costs.
4. Funding of either operational or capital funding for new projects is not part of this agreement.
5. Both municipalities agree to explore opportunities for the development of an off-site levy to generate capital funding for recreation.
6. This Agreement is in effect from January 1, 2023, to December 31, 2027, and can be renewed for an additional five years with consent from both Parties.

BUDGET IMPLICATIONS:

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

OPTIONS:

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

Respectfully submitted,

Concurrence,

"Brock Beach"

"Dorian Wandzura"

Acting Executive Director
Community Services

Chief Administrative Officer

ATTACHMENTS:

ATTACHMENT 'A' – Airdrie Recreation Cost Sharing Agreement
ATTACHMENT 'B' – Council Policy 317 - Community Recreation Funding