

RECREATION, PARKS & COMMUNITY SUPPORT

TO: Council
DATE: January 10, 2023
FILE: N/A
SUBJECT: Crossfield Recreation Five-Year Cost Sharing Agreement

DIVISION: 5
APPLICATION: N/A

POLICY DIRECTION:

This request is presented in accordance with Council Policy 317 - Community Recreation Funding and the Recreation and Parks Master Plan (RPMP).

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The Town of Crossfield and Rocky View County's five-year recreation cost sharing agreement was last approved in 2013 and has successfully supported recreational amenities for the Crossfield region.

Working with administration from the Town of Crossfield, the development of the new agreement has been collaborative and straight forward. Both parties are satisfied with the agreement as the intent of the document and the funding allocation is similar to the agreement that expired in 2017.

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.

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

It has been five years since Rocky View County has had a formal cost sharing agreement with Crossfield, so we are pleased that we have been able to collaboratively draft an agreement that meets the needs of both Crossfield and the County.

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 Crossfield and County residents.

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 operating 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. However, both Parties are committed to working together in the potential development of additional recreational and community facilities that recognizes the recommendations

Administration Resources

Adriane Cairns, Recreation, Parks and Community Support



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identified in both the County's 2021 Recreation and Parks Master Plan and Crossfield's 2022 Park and Recreation Needs Assessment.

5. 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.

Should Council approve the new cost sharing agreement, in accordance with Council Policy 317 - Community Recreation Funding, Rocky View County would allocate an annual operating grant of \$30,000 to support recreational programs and services offered within the Town of Crossfield catchment area.

The agreement was presented at the December 15, 2022, IMC meeting where it received support from the committee. Both administrations from each municipality are committed to working towards a new agreement prior to the termination or expiry of this agreement.

BUDGET IMPLICATIONS:

There are no budget implications associated with this request as the funds are already included in the 2022 budget.

OPTIONS:

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| Option #1 | THAT the five-year Crossfield 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

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ATTACHMENTS:

Attachment 'A' – Crossfield Recreation Cost Sharing Agreement