

COUNCIL REPORT

Town of Crossfield - Rocky View County Intermunicipal Collaboration Framework

Electoral Division: All File: N/A

Date:	April 9, 2024		
Presenter:	Keagan Andrew, Intergovernmental Advisor		
Department:	Intergovernmental Services and Regional Planning		
Approved by:	⊠ Executive Director / Director	and/or	☑ Chief Administrative Officer

REPORT SUMMARY

The purpose of this report is to renew the Intermunicipal Collaboration Framework (ICF) agreement between Rocky View County and the Town of Crossfield. This agreement was first approved by Rocky View County Council for a four-year term on March 10, 2020, and the Town of Crossfield on March 17, 2020. The agreement was reviewed by the parties at the March 1, 2024, Town of Crossfield-Rocky View County Intermunicipal Committee meeting where the Committee members agreed to bring the agreement to Council for renewal from 2024-2028 without any changes.

ADMINISTRATION'S RECOMMENDATION

THAT Council approve the Rocky View County and Town of Crossfield Intermunicipal Collaboration Framework as presented in Attachment A.

BACKGROUND

ICF agreements are intermunicipal agreements between neighbouring municipalities that govern shared servicing, identify which municipality delivers the service, the method of service delivery and cost sharing for that service. These agreements are mandatory under Section 208.28 of the *Municipal Government* Act, except for municipalities that are both members of a Growth Management Board, such as the Calgary Metropolitan Region Board (CMRB). ICF agreements are valid for four years, with a mandatory review prior to renewing the agreement.

Rocky View County and the Town of Crossfield approved their first ICF agreement in March 2020, and the original agreement will expire in 2024. The Town of Crossfield is also bringing the ICF agreement to Council in March 2024.

ANALYSIS

Representatives from Rocky View County and the Town of Crossfield met at the March 1, 2024, Intermunicipal Committee meeting to review the ICF, they determined that the agreement does not require further amendment at this time. The IMC representatives agreed to bring the agreement to their Councils for renewal for the period of 2024 to 2028 without any changes. Maintaining ICF agreements with the County's non-CMRB neighbours is mandatory under the *Municipal Government Act*, and approving this agreement will ensure that the County complies with its legislative requirements and continues to strengthen our relationship with the Town of Crossfield. Should the municipalities wish to implement new intermunicipal cost sharing agreements in the future, the agreement can be amended during its term and will be brought to each municipal Council for adoption.

COMMUNICATIONS / ENGAGEMENT

Rocky View County and the Town of Crossfield reviewed the ICF at the March 1, 2024, Town of Crossfield-Rocky View County Intermunicipal Committee meeting and agreed to bring it to their respective Councils for renewal with no changes. No further engagement is required for this project.

IMPLICATIONS

Approving this agreement will ensure that Rocky View County remains in compliance with the *Municipal Government Act* and will maintain a collaborative relationship with the Town of Crossfield.

Financial

There are no financial implications associated with approving this agreement.

STRATEGIC ALIGNMENT

This agreement is a statutory obligation under the Municipal Government Act.

ALTERNATE DIRECTION

Administration has not identified an alternate direction for Council's consideration.

ATTACHMENTS

Attachment A: 2024-2028 Town of Crossfield-Rocky View County Intermunicipal Collaboration Framework