



CITY OF FORT SASKATCHEWAN AGENDA

Regular Council Meeting Thursday, October 27, 2016 – 6:00 P.M. Council Chambers – City Hall

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| 6:00 P.M. | 1. Call to Order | Mayor Katchur |
| | 2. Community Presentations - 2017 Budget | (attachment) |
| | 2.1 Downtown Business Council | Clarizze Truscott,
Member /
Kevin Clark,
Executive Director
(attachment) |
| | 2.2 River Valley Alliance | Larry Wall,
Executive Director
(attachment) |
| | 2.3 Fort Saskatchewan Families First Society | Karen Sliwkanich, Chair
(attachment) |
| | 2.4 Fort Saskatchewan Historical Society | Ray Thurston, President
(attachment) |
| | 2.5 Fort Saskatchewan Public Library | David Larsen, Library
Director /
Miranda Brun,
Board Trustee
(attachment) |
| | 2.6 Volunteer Programs Association | Wendy Doyle, Chair
(verbal) |
| | 2.7 Special Transportation Services Society | Sharron Roberts, Chair
(attachment) |
| | 2.8 Fort Saskatchewan Nordic Ski Club | Cameron McCormick,
President
(attachment) |
| | 2.9 Fort Saskatchewan Boys & Girls Club | Pauline Campeau, Chair/
Wendy Serink,
Executive Director
(attachment) |
| | 2.10 Fort Saskatchewan Prairie Stewardship Program | Sheldon Helbert,
Member
(attachment) |
| | 3. Adjournment | |

CITY OF FORT SASKATCHEWAN

Grants to Organizations – 2017 Budget Presentations

Purpose:

To hear Fort Saskatchewan's various community non-profit groups, organizations, boards and committees 2017 grant requests.

Next Steps:

1. The presentations be received as information on October 27, 2016.
2. Consideration be given to the grant requests during budget deliberations commencing on November 9, 2016.

Attachments:

Appendix 1 – Grants to Organizations Overview
Appendix 2 – Downtown Business Council's 2017 Budget Presentation
Appendix 3 – River Valley Alliance's 2017 Budget Presentation
Appendix 4 – Fort Saskatchewan Families First Society's 2017 Budget Presentation
Appendix 5 – Fort Saskatchewan Historical Society's 2017 Budget Presentation
Appendix 6 – Fort Saskatchewan Public Library Board's 2017 Budget Presentation
Appendix 7 – Special Transportation Services Society's 2017 Budget Presentation
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Appendix 10 – Fort Saskatchewan Prairie Stewardship Program's 2017 Budget Presentation

File No.:

Prepared by:	Sheryl Exley Legislative Officer	Date: October 24, 2016
Approved by:	Jeremy Emann Chief Financial Officer	Date: October 24, 2016
Reviewed by:	Kelly Kloss City Manager	Date: October 24, 2016
Submitted to:	City Council	Date: October 27, 2016

Preparing for the Future

Grants to Organizations Overview

The City of Fort Saskatchewan supports various community non-profit groups, organizations, boards and committees. Financial support is categorized as Grants to Organizations in the annual budget. Grant-in-kind support to community organizations has also been provided as information; along with non-financial support which is provided through various agreements and contracts.

Financial Support

The majority (71%) of the City's financial Grants to Organizations supports the Fort Saskatchewan Public Library's day-to-day operations. The remaining Grants to Organizations, in large part, support Special Transportation Services Society (STSS), Families First Society, the Boys and Girls Club and the Volunteer Programs Association.

The attached Grants to Organizations summary report provides details of \$1,649,173 in financial support proposed for the 2017 budget.

Grant-in-Kind Support

For 2017, we have included organizations who do not receive financial funding from the City, but receive grant-in-kind support. These organizations include: Families First Society for the old RCMP building maintenance, Pioneer House Club 50 for the Pioneer House building maintenance, Scouts & Guides Hall for building maintenance and the Fort Saskatchewan Public Library for building maintenance and financial services.

The attached Grants to Organizations summary report provides details of \$123,775 in grants-in-kind support proposed for the 2017 budget.

Non-Financial Support

The attached Community Groups/Organization Leases report provides information on the City's current lease agreements with community groups and organizations. Non-financial support for these community groups and organizations varies from minimal rental rates to market value rates for the use of City owned property and/or buildings.

Grants to Organizations Summary

	2016 Approved	2017 Proposed	Notes
Financial Support			
Office of the City Manager	12,452	12,452	
North Saskatchewan Watershed	12,452	12,452	
Culture Services Department	1,090,141	1,180,521	
Canada Day Committee	8,400	8,400	
Fort Saskatchewan Public Library	1,080,741	1,164,471	Budget Request 74-0002
Historical Society - Peoples of the North Festival	1,000	7,650	Budget Request 74-0051
Economic Development Department	5,000	5,000	
Downtown Business Council	5,000	5,000	
Family & Community Support Services Department	303,700	313,700	
Boys and Girls Club	39,400	49,400	Budget Request 51-0036
Families First - Family Violence Prevention Program	80,000	80,000	
Legion - Meals on Wheels	1,000	1,000	
Special Transportation Services Society (STSS)	138,800	138,800	
Volunteer Programs Association	44,500	44,500	
Infrastructure Management Department	3,000	4,500	
Fort Saskatchewan Prairie Stewardship Program	3,000	4,500	Budget Request 72-0113
Planning & Development Department	10,000	20,000	
River Valley Alliance	10,000	20,000	Budget Request 61-0032
Recreation Department	253,000	113,000	
Minor Sports Assoc. - Ice Allocator	10,000	-	Contracted Services
Nordic Ski Club	8,000	8,000	
Tourism Hosting Grant	85,000	75,000	Approved by Council in 2016 (R223-15)
Municipal Partnership Agreement-Town of Bruderheim***	150,000	30,000	Approved in 2016 b Council as part of Rec Master Plan.
Total Grant to Organizations	1,677,293	1,649,173	
** Grant-in-kind Support			
Families First Facility Maintenance	39,625	40,418	**
Fort Saskatchewan Public Library	62,538	64,782	**
Pioneer House Club 50	10,800	11,016	**
Nordic Ski Club	-	4,500	Budget Request 72-0109
Scouts & Guides Hall	3,000	3,060	**
Total Grant-in Kind Support	115,963	123,775	
Grand Total	1,793,256	1,772,948	

*Grant-in-kind Support - the budget is part of the base budget and continues to be ongoing, unless otherwise indicated by a budget request.

**These items have been increased to reflect cost of living adjustments and inflation.

*** In 2016, Council approved, a budgeted one time payment of \$150,000. However, only \$30,000 was paid in 2016, and has been setup as an annual payment until 2020.

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Community Groups / Organizations Leases

Lessee/Licensee	Type of Lease	Rent (Annually)	Background Information
Fort Saskatchewan Boys & Girls Club	Land in Jubilee Park for the Boys & Girls Club	\$10.00 (one-time payment).	Lessee responsible for all utilities.
Fort Saskatchewan Boys & Girls Club	Mobile Concession	\$10.00 (one-time payment)	The Club operates a mobile concession in Pryce Alderson Park to service customers at the Kinsmen Spray Park.
Fort Saskatchewan Chamber of Commerce	Portion of CN Station	\$7,504.31 / year	City responsible for utilities. City looks after the maintenance of building/space.
Fort Saskatchewan Chiefs Hockey Club	Liquor Sales at the Jubilee Recreation Centre in Skybox	\$1.00 (one-time payment)	Chiefs are authorized to sell beer and coolers at their games.
Fort Saskatchewan Golf & Curling Club Ltd.	Land for Fort Saskatchewan Golf Course and Curling Rink	\$1.00 (one-time payment)	Club responsible for all utilities, municipal taxes, maintenance and repairs of Golf Course Club House and Curling Rink.
Fort Saskatchewan Historical Society	Warden's House	Tenant agrees to pay rent via work in kind and support to capital projects.	
Fort Saskatchewan Lions Club	Lease of campground in Turner Park.	\$10.00 / year	
Fort Saskatchewan Lions Club	99 Avenue Digital Sign	\$10.00 / year	Lions Club maintains the operation of the sign.

Lessee/Licensee	Type of Lease	Rent (Annually)	Background Information
Fort Saskatchewan Minor Baseball	Maintenance support for City owned baseball diamonds	\$6,800 / year (paid to the organization)	Organization performs maintenance to specified fields in exchange for payment from the City.
Fort Saskatchewan Minor Sports Association	Batting Cage (Jubilee Park)	\$1.00 (one-time payment)	MSA responsible for maintenance.
Fort Saskatchewan Minor Sports Association	Operate food concession services at the Jubilee Recreation Centre	\$1,630.00	JRC Concession lease was renewed for one year term only: Sept 1, 2014 to August 31, 2015. MSA Board is determining whether to renew for another 3 year term. This agreement is currently under re-negotiation. MSA will no longer be operating food concession services at the Sportsplex.
Fort Saskatchewan Minor Sports Association	Portion of Jubilee Recreation Centre (former Volunteer Action Centre Offices)	\$7,633.99 / year	
Fort Saskatchewan Mixed Slow-pitch Association	Dow Slow-pitch Fields	\$1.00 / year	The Association is responsible of operation and maintenance of the fields. The agreement was on hold for a number of years because the status of the land was under review. The agreement is currently being re-negotiated.
Fort Saskatchewan Nordic Ski Club	Track Setting and Grooming of Cross-Country Ski Trails	2012 - \$4,000.00 2013 - \$5,000.00 2014 - \$5,000.00 2015 - \$5,000.00 Financial assistance to off-set gas for equipment, etc.	As per the agreement and in recognition of the Club's volunteer efforts, the City may consider financial compensation for the costs associated with providing cross-country ski trails. The Club will be required to present their request to City Administration through the annual budget planning process.

Lessee/Licensee	Type of Lease	Rent (Annually)	Background Information
Fort Saskatchewan Pottery Guild	DCC space	\$4,793.80 for the first year, \$4,915.16 for the second year, \$5,097.20 for the third year, \$5,218.57 for the fourth year, and \$5,370.27 for the fifth year.	Pottery Guild responsible for utilities: \$5,700.00 for the first year, \$5,700.00 for the second year, \$5,900.00 for the third year, \$5,900.00 for the fourth year, and \$6,100.00 for the fifth year.
Fort Saskatchewan Tennis Club Association	Lease Agreement	\$10.00 / year	
Fort Saskatchewan Nordic Ski Club	West River's Edge Pavilion (rental of bottom portion)	\$3,500.00 / year	The Club pays \$500/month for the space that also includes shared storage of the garage. The lease also includes 22 day events upstairs, which they pay \$25/hr. for a custodian to set up, take down and clean.
Pioneer House Club 50	Pioneer House Operation	The City financed the 1993 expansion project to a maximum of \$130,000.00 for exchange of ownership of the building. The City owns Pioneer House.	The Club is responsible for all utilities, including telephone, routine maintenance and grounds maintenance. The Club rents out the facility for income. City is also responsible for some grounds maintenance and municipal taxes.
Riverside Building Management Association	Building Lease for Scout/Girl Guide Hall (former outdoor pool building)	\$1.00 (one-time payment)	Lessee responsible for utility costs in excess of \$6,000 per annum and all telephone costs.
Royal Canadian Legion, Branch 27	Portion of Legion Building	\$10.00 /year	The Legion is responsible for all utility costs at 35% proportionate share allocated to the building including insurance. A grant equivalent to the annual property taxes continuing for as long as the Legion is administering the Meals on Wheels Program, subject to the annual budget approval process. The Legion also uses the Ortona Room (second Monday of each month) and the Normandy Room (Remembrance Day Ceremony) at no charge.

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Community Groups / Organizations Leases

Lessee/Licensee	Type of Lease	Annual Rent	Background Information
Riverside Building Management Association	Building Lease for Scout/Girl Guide Hall (former outdoor pool building)	\$1.00 (one-time payment)	Lessee responsible for utility costs in excess of \$6,000 per annum and all telephone costs/general maintenance. City responsible for roof.
Fort Saskatchewan Nordic Ski Club	Track Setting and Grooming of Cross-Country Ski Trails	City provides financial assistance to the Club to off-set gas for equipment, etc. \$5,000.00 - 2013 budget request, \$5,000.00 - 2014 budget request, \$5,000-2015 budget request, \$8,000-2016 budget request.	Club responsible for track setting and grooming of trails.
Fort Saskatchewan Golf & Curling Club Ltd.	Land for Golf Course and Curling Rink	\$10.00 + GST (one-time payment)	Option to renew for two further terms of ten years each. The Club is responsible for all utilities, municipal taxes, maintenance and repairs of Golf Course Club House and Curling Rink.
Fort Saskatchewan Minor Sports Association Fort Saskatchewan Minor Baseball	Batting Cage Maintenance Support for City-owned Baseball Diamonds	\$1.00 (one-time payment) \$6,800/year (Paid to the organization)	MSA responsible for maintenance. Organization performs maintenance to specified fields in exchange for payment from the City.
Fort Saskatchewan Mixed Slowpitch Association	Dow Fields	\$1.00/year + GST	The Association is responsible for operation and maintenance of the fields. The City may grant the Tenant a renewal of the Agreement for a further 10 years upon expiration.
Pioneer House Club 50	Pioneer House Operation		Club responsible for all utilities, including telephone, routine maintenance and grounds maintenance. City is also responsible for some grounds maintenance.

Lessee/Licensee	Type of Lease	Annual Rent	Background Information
Fort Saskatchewan Nordic Ski Club	West Rivers Edge	\$3,862.50/year + GST	Nordic Ski Club signed a 3 year agreement to rent the bottom portion of the West River's Edge Pavilion. The club pays \$515.00/month, including GST and \$257.50, including GST on the half month rental in April, to be paid the 1st day of each month commencing Sept. 1st for the duration of agreement for the space that also includes shared storage of the garage. The lease also includes 22 day events upstairs, which they pay \$27/hr for a custodian to set up, take down and clean.
Royal Canadian Legion, Branch 27	Portion of Legion Building	\$ 10 plus GST per year	Responsible for all utility costs and 35% proportionate share allocated to the building. NOTE: Legion obtained their own insurance effective 1997.
Fort Saskatchewan Pottery Guild	DCC space	\$4793.80 yr 1 increasing each year utilities \$1425 year 1&2 and increasing each two years.	Sept 30/11 renewed for a 5 year term with option to renew a second 5 year term. City responsible for maintenance of building/space.
Fort Saskatchewan Minor Sports Association	JRC Concession	\$3,260.00 inclusive of GST	Lease of JRC Concession space
Fort Saskatchewan Boys & Girls Club	Land in Jubilee Park for the Boys & Girls Club	\$10.00 (one-time payment)	Option to renew for one further term of twenty years. Lessee to pay all utilities.
Rep Team Hockey Club	JRC Advertising	Varies in accordance with unsold advertising spots.	In process of developing a formal lease agreement with Rep Team. To be completed by February 2016.
Fort Saskatchewan Chamber of Commerce	Portion of CN Station	\$7,504.31 +GST	Annual rent stated is for 2009. Annual rent to be adjusted annually as per Edmonton CPI. City looks after the maintenance of building/space.
Fort Saskatchewan Minor Sports Association	Portion of Jubilee Recreation Centre	\$7,633. 99 per year	Annual rent to be adjusted annually as per Edmonton CPI.
Fort Saskatchewan Chiefs Hockey Club	Liquor Sales at the JRC in Skybox	\$10.00 per year + GST	Chiefs are authorized to sell beer and coolers at their games. Regulations set forth by Alberta Gaming and Liquor Commission and Administration.
Fort Saskatchewan Boys & Girls Club	Mobile Concession	\$10.00 (one-time payment)	The Club operates a mobile concession at the Pryce Alderson Park to service customers at the Kinsmen Spray Park.
Tennis Club	Lease Agreement	\$10.00 per year, plus GST	
Lions Club	Campground Lease Agreement	\$10.00 per year, plus GST	Lease of land for Lion's Campground
Lions Club	Wading Pool Agreement	\$10.00 per year, plus GST or prepay for the entire 10 years (\$100.00 + GST)	Lease of land for Lion's Wading Pool
Fort Saskatchewan Families First Society	Building Lease - RCMP Detachment (9901-90 Street)	\$10.00 including GST for entire term of lease agreement	Responsible for utilities costs, repairs, and custodial duties
Volunteer Programs Association	Lease Agreement - Lower Level of Public Library (Rooms 0209 and 0215)	\$10.00/year + GST or full value of 10-year lease (up front) - \$100.00 + GST	

Lessee/Licensee	Type of Lease	Annual Rent	Background Information
Fort Saskatchewan Chiefs Hockey Club	Lease for Board Ads at the JRC	\$2,500.00 + GST/year	10% commission shall be paid to the City for any advertisement placed in the following locations at the time they are installed: ICE 3, ICE 9, entrance doors to arena, pillars or walls, skyboxes 1 and/or 2, any other approved structure within the premises.
Kin Clubs of Fort Saskatchewan	Lease of Kinsmen Meeting Room plus storage at the CN Station	\$10.00 + GST/year or onetime payment of \$100.00 + GST for entire 10-year lease	
Noyen Construction Hawks Hockey Club	Lease for Board Ads at the JRC	\$2,380.00 + GST/year	10% commission will be paid to the City for any advertisement placed in the following locations at the time they are installed: ICE 2, ICE 8, any other approved structure within the premises.
Noyen Construction Hawks Hockey Club	Lease for Premier Dressing Room space, office space, Coaches Room and three assigned storage lockers	\$30.00 + GST for entire lease	
Fort Air Partnership	Lease of Land and Building for Air Monitoring Station (Located at 92 Street and West of Highway 15 between 95 Avenue)	\$10.00 + GST per year payable annually on Nov. 1st.	
Lions Club of Fort Saskatchewan	Digital Sign Lease	\$10.00 per year + GST (payments due June 1st)	Kinsmen Club previously maintained the operation of the digital sign. Kinsmen Club terminated lease agreement with the City on June 17, 2015.
Elk Island Catholic Schools	Land Lease for New Catholic High School (Saint Andre' Bessette)	\$10.00 + GST (for the term of the lease)	City leased land is located adjacent to the DCC. 50 year lease can be extended for 2 renewal periods of 30 years each.

Downtown Business Council Fort Saskatchewan 2017

Downtown Business Council

Who we are?

- We are a registered non-profit organization of downtown businesses working together to create a downtown that is vibrant and attractive for people to come visit, shop & do business.

What we do?

- We hold yearly outdoor events on the street. This brings people downtown and helps promote businesses.

DBC Events

- That Art Thing - May
- City Wide Garage Sales
- June & August
- Fall Festival - September
Attracts an average of 2,000
people downtown.



Current DBC Events

- Halloween Handout - October



Current DBC Events

- Lights Up - November
- Santa Sleigh Rides
- November



Downtown Business Council

Effects on Business

- Brings people downtown
- Promotes local business
- Businesses see new customers
- Increased cashflow
- More customers = more shops wanting to locate in downtown

Effects on Community

- Downtown becomes centre for doing business, shop & visit
- Residents and tourists stay within the Fort for activities and shopping opportunities

DBC 2017 Funding Request

- The Fall Festival budget grows each year with demands for new attractions. The City's continued annual sponsorship of \$5,000 helps alleviate cost increase to run the festival. (City sponsorship is recognized on all our promotional materials) .
- This year we've taken the step of hiring a part-time Executive Director at a cost to us of \$15,000. The Executive Director liaises with downtown business and the DBC, increases membership, coordinates and manages DBC events.
- Since hiring our ED we've had some increase in our membership. Other organizations have long ago moved in the direction of hiring staff. In order for the DBC to keep growing we need to move in that same direction.
- With your help we can do more. We humbly request a grant of \$20,000 for 2017.

Appendix 3

River Valley Alliance

Municipal Shareholder Annual Operating Contribution Request

Annual Operating Contribution

- RVA Board Meeting June 15, 2016 Board approves the following motion:

The RVA to request annual municipal operating contributions for 2017 and onward as:

– Edmonton	\$120,000
– Devon	\$ 20,000
– Parkland County	\$ 20,000
– Leduc County	\$ 20,000
– Strathcona County	\$ 20,000
– Fort Saskatchewan	\$ 20,000
– Sturgeon County	\$ 20,000
Total	\$240,000

Annual Operating Contribution

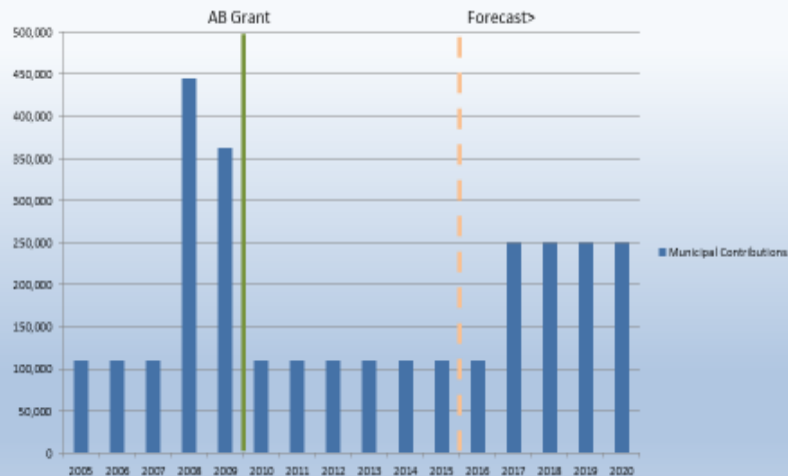
- The RVA sources operating funds from:
 - Municipal Annual Operating contribution (\$110,000 in 2015)
 - Municipal Reserve Funds (\$126,000 in 2015)
 - Provincial Grant Operating (\$393,000 in 2015)
 - Investment interest/ private contributions (\$9,000 in 2015)
- Municipal annual operating contributions have remained static since about 2002 at:
\$110,000 - \$50,000 from Edmonton plus in-kind services
\$10,000 - from the other six shareholders.
- There has been no accommodation for inflation over the last 14 years.

Annual Operating Contribution

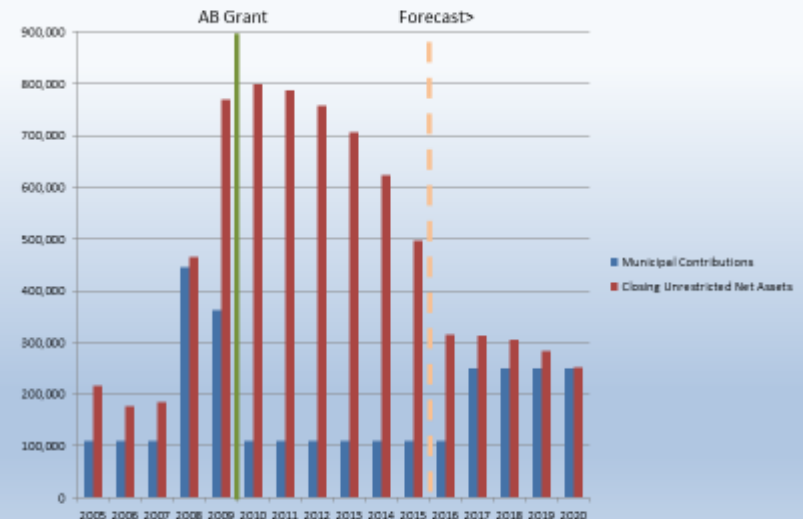
- Municipal Reserve was built up to \$798,000 in the period from 2002 to 2010.
- Municipal Reserve has been drawn down since 2011 and will be depleted by mid-2018.
- Upon receipt of Provincial grant in 2009 the municipalities discontinued reserve contributions
 - Provincial grant allows for an average of 60% funding of operation and communication expenses
 - The remaining “matching” funding of operations has come from a combination of annual municipal operating contributions + a draw on the municipal reserve
- Replace the annual draw on operating reserve with a corresponding addition to annual operating contribution

Annual Operating Contribution

Municipal Contributions

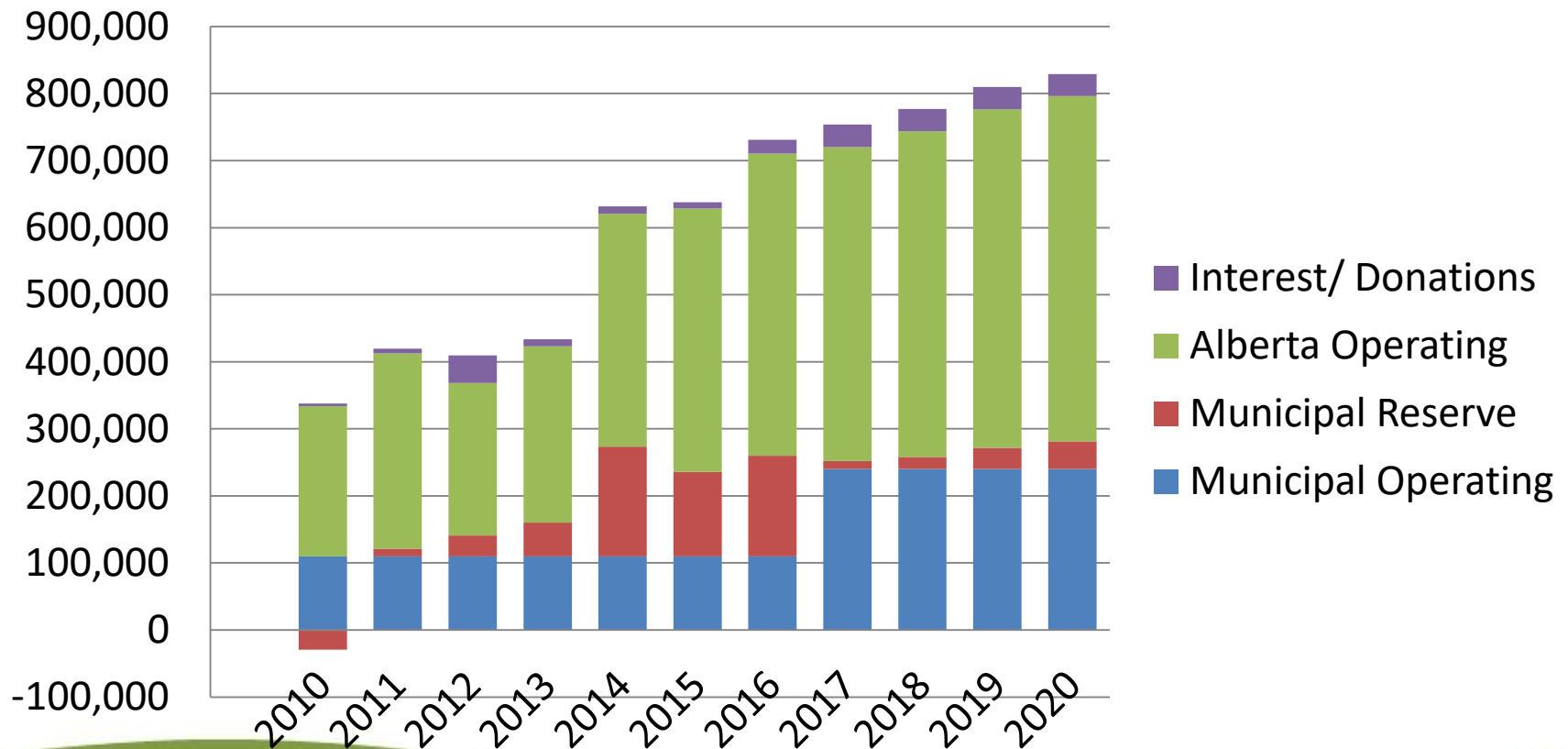


Reserve Additions and Withdrawal



Annual Operating Contribution

RVA Operating Sources of Revenue



Municipal Benefits

- A forum for coordination of river valley park planning and implementation
- An advocate for the regional river valley park vision
 - Externally
 - Internally
- A coordinated approach to fund development



Municipal Benefits

- A single voice on behalf of shareholders to the public, to government and the private sector



- Promoting the the river valley park system locally, regionally, nationally and internationally

Board Decision

Meeting Date	June 15, 2016
Board Agenda Item	5.1.2 Municipal Annual Operating Contributions
Subject / Issue	Municipal Annual Operating Contributions
Lead	Guy Bridgeman, Larry Wall

Recommendation(s):

1. Equitable contributions to operating are made by the municipalities consistent with the pattern of the past:
 - a. Edmonton contribute 50% of annual municipal operating contributions
 - b. Devon, Parkland, Leduc, Strathcona, Sturgeon, Fort Saskatchewan combined contribute 50% of annual municipal operating contributions
2. That RVA Municipalities be requested to provide annual operating contributions in 2017 and onward as follows:

a. Edmonton -	\$120,000
b. Devon -	\$ 20,000
c. Parkland County -	\$ 20,000
d. Leduc County -	\$ 20,000
e. Strathcona County	\$ 20,000
f. Fort Saskatchewan	\$ 20,000
g. Sturgeon County	\$ 20,000
Total	\$240,000

Background:

- The RVA Vision and Mission as referenced in the 2016-2020 Business Plan are:

Vision: *To create a continuous world class metropolitan river valley park system from Devon through Parkland County, Leduc County, Edmonton, Strathcona County and Sturgeon County to Fort Saskatchewan.*

Mission: *To preserve, protect and enhance the river valley becoming recognized as one of the largest and best river valley park systems in the world for the year-round accessibility and enjoyment of its citizens and visitors.*
- The RVA has been successful in garnering \$80,000,000 from incremental provincial and federal governments to support the municipal investments in the river valley park system.
- The RVA targets to raise more than \$150,000,000 to support the NEXT PHASE Capital Program of 2017-2022.
- The RVA aspires to realize its Vision and Mission through the introduction of Marketing, Branding, Events and Communications to achieve the Outcomes identified in the Plan of action:
 - 1. Pride – To create a source of unparalleled pride in the Capital region and throughout Alberta
 - 2. Legacy – To preserve an outstanding legacy for all Albertans
 - 3. Quality of Life – To improve the quality of life for people in the Capital Region
 - 4. Attraction – To attract businesses and residents to the Capital Region
 - 5. Tourism – To enhance tourism in the Capital Region and the province
- The RVA sources operating funds from (Attachment 2 – Municipal Contributions):
 - Municipal Annual Operating contributions (\$110,000 in 2015)
 - Municipal Reserve Funds (\$126,000 in 2015)
 - Provincial Grant Operating (\$393,000 in 2015)
 - Investment interest/ private contributions (\$9,000 in 2015)
- Municipal annual operating contributions have remained static since 2002(?) at \$110,000 (\$50,000 from Edmonton plus in-kind services, \$10,000 from the other six shareholders,). There has been no accommodation for inflation over the last 14 years.
- Since the receipt of the Provincial grant in 2009, operating funds have been sourced in the following proportion:

- Provincial ~ 60%
- Municipal ~ 35%
- Investment interest/ private contributions ~ 5%
- At the Board at the 2015 Planning Retreat, the Board recognized the value of the continued operation of the RVA upon the expiration of the current provincial and federal grant funding to garner more funds and continue as a forum for inter-municipal collaboration and to steward the river valley park initiatives.
- The RVA Municipal Reserve was built up to \$798,000 from contributions incremental to annual operating contributions in the years up to the receipt of the provincial grant in 2009. Reserve contributions were discontinued after the receipt of the provincial funding. At the end of 2015 the unrestricted municipal reserve was \$496,000.
- The execution of 2016-2020 Business Plan would have the unrestricted municipal reserve depleted by mid-2018.
- The Budget forecast for 2016-2020 proposes the annual unrestricted reserve draw be replaced with an increase in annual operating contributions in 2017 and forward to sustain the unrestricted municipal reserve at ~\$300,000. This reserve would serve as an operating contingency.
- The provincial government capital and operating grant will expire as of March 31, 2018. Renewed funding in the form of an incremental grant of \$50,000,000, inclusive of the operating contribution formula, will be requested. Should this request not be successful the Board has accepted an approach of requesting the unexpended interest from the 2009 grant be designated for future operating support purposes.
- The RVA Business Plan 2016-2020 forecasts a combined municipal operating and reserve contribution of \$250,000 annually. This will be reduced in 2017 budget to reflect the proposed \$240,000 municipal contributions.
- Forecast Allocation of capital funds of 2010 – 2017.
 - Edmonton - \$50,600,000
 - Devon - \$2,200,000
 - Parkland - \$2,500,000
 - Leduc - \$5,000,000* (estimated, drawn from remaining funds noted below)
 - Strathcona - \$1,100,000
 - Fort Saskatchewan – \$2,800,000
 - Sturgeon - \$933,000
 - *Remaining funds to be allocated after operating ~ \$14,000,000

Motion:

The RVA to request annual municipal operating contributions for 2017 as:

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| a. Edmonton - | \$120,000 |
| b. Devon - | \$ 20,000 |
| c. Parkland County - | \$ 20,000 |
| d. Leduc County - | \$ 20,000 |
| e. Strathcona County | \$ 20,000 |
| f. Fort Saskatchewan | \$ 20,000 |
| g. Sturgeon County | \$ 20,000 |
| Total | \$240,000 |

Motion Carried – June 15, 2016 RVA Board Meeting

Attachments(s):

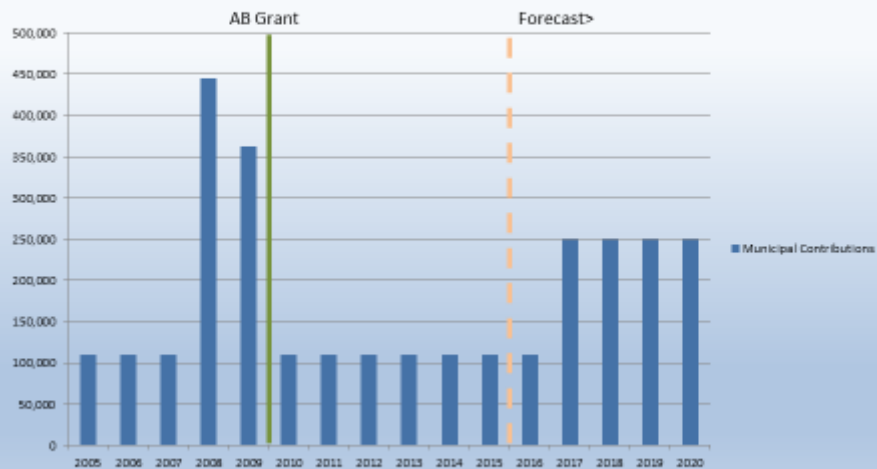
Attachment 1 – RVA Municipal Contribution History

Attachment 2 - OPERATING BUDGET 2016 – FORECAST 2017-2020

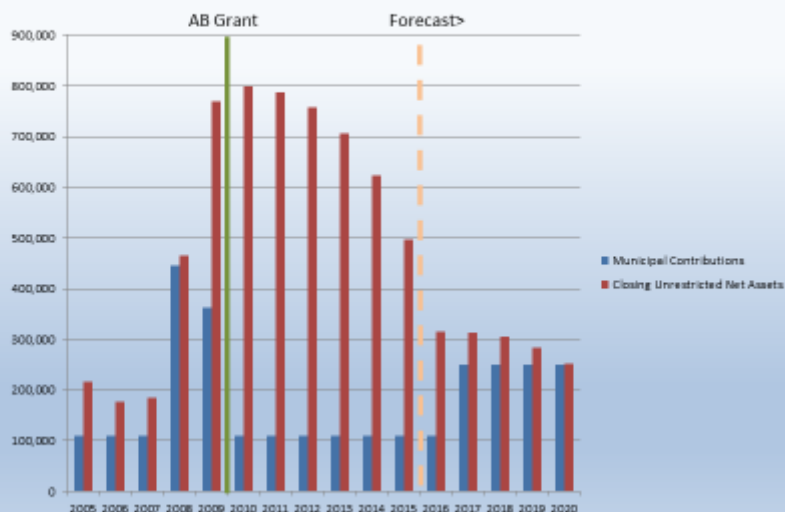
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RVA Municipal Contribution History

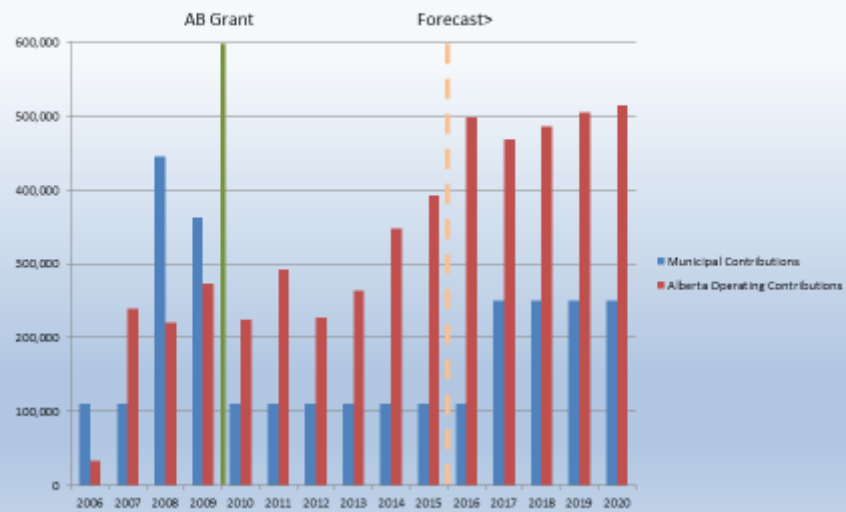
Municipal Contributions



Reserve Additions and Withdrawal



Municipal / Alberta share



ATTACHMENT 2

OPERATING BUDGET 2016 – FORECAST 2017-2020

Operating Budget

15-Jun-2016	<i>Budget 2015</i>	<i>Actual 2015</i>	<i>Budget 2016</i>	<i>Forecast 2017</i>	<i>Forecast 2018</i>	<i>Forecast 2019</i>	<i>Forecast 2020</i>
OPERATING REVENUE							
AB Parks Grant - Operating	499,576	392,811	498,535	461,495	477,741	500,382	514,215
Donations/Sponsorships	30,000	1,262	15,000	30,000	30,000	30,000	30,000
Municipal Operating Contributions	110,000	110,000	110,000	*240,000	240,000	240,000	240,000
Interest Income - RVA	10,500	5,749	5,500	3,500	3,000	3,000	3,000
GST Rebate	7,000						
Draw on Municipal Reserve	157,264	125,945	181,059	28,697	16,239	36,356	41,940
Total Operating Revenue	814,340	635,767	810,094	753,693	776,980	809,737	829,155
OPERATING EXPENSE							
Outreach and Promotion	215,800	191,324	200,300	123,806	125,782	127,798	129,854
Development/ Recognition	22,750	25,828	24,400	24,888	25,386	25,893	26,411
Professional Fees/Charges	25,144	18,421	23,750	24,080	24,668	25,270	25,888
Administrative Expenses	57,134	73,471	74,025	74,750	75,488	84,642	85,411
Human Resources	493,512	347,863	487,619	506,169	525,655	546,133	561,591
<u>Total Operating Expense</u>	814,340	656,906	810,094	753,693	776,980	809,737	829,155



Families First Society

FORT SASKATCHEWAN

Appendix 4



Safe, strong, healthy future generations

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Vision
Safe, Strong, Healthy Future Generations

Mission
Through improving the lives of our children, youth and families today, we help create a resilient, healthy community for tomorrow.



Families First Society
FORT SASKATCHEWAN

Safe, strong, healthy future generations

Family Violence Prevention Program

- Families First provides support to individuals who are experiencing family violence
- The abuse may include physical, emotional, spiritual or financial
- Support is provided by: assessing level of risk, developing a safety plan, educating about power, control and the cycle of abuse, attending court as needed, and assisting the individual in removing barriers keeping them from living a life free from abuse

Did you know?

- Alberta has one of the highest records of self reported incidents of Family Violence in the country.



- 1 in every 4 women in this community will experience abuse.
- It is estimated that Albertan has spent \$600 million dollars in the past 5 years addressing ongoing domestic violence, even after women have left an abusive situation.



In Fort Saskatchewan, in our last fiscal year, our Family Violence Prevention Program:

- **Supported 169 individuals**
- **Maintained 38 client files (30 from within Fort Saskatchewan)**
- **Within the 38 client files there are 65 children**
- **Spent over 300 hours on advocacy and court support activities (up from last year)**

Strong societies are made up of healthy, contributing members of society.
“It takes a Village to support a Family”



What are some accomplishments?

- Working with all levels of government and community through effective partnerships.
- Families First is being recognized for leadership in this area.
- We are able to assist individuals and families by wrapping them within other programs and supports.

Our New Home

- **Families First Board and Staff are very grateful for the generosity of Council in allowing us the opportunity to move into the former RCMP station. OUR NEW HOME IS WONDERFUL!**
- **The Board and staff have just entered into a strategic planning process to map out where we go from here, now that space is not an issue.**



Families First Society
FORT SASKATCHEWAN

Safe, strong, healthy future generations

Fort Saskatchewan Historical Society 2017 Budget Request



Fort Saskatchewan Historical Society 2017 Budget Request

Historical Society Workshop Crew

Over the past number of years the Fort Saskatchewan Historical Society has had a very active workshop crew made up of mainly retirees who work diligently to preserve, restore the many that can be seen in and around the Museum village and Fort. This dedicated group of individuals work hard to maintain and improve the existing facilities artifacts and build new projects for the Fort Heritage Precinct. We work very closely with the Museum staff and City Admin. We also have initiated many new projects which have enhanced the overall perception of the Historic Precinct.

Fort Saskatchewan Historical Society 2017 Budget Request

Historical Society Workshop Crew

This group of individuals bring many skills, expertise and friendship to the workshop which generates a very social atmosphere. We have members skilled in electrical, instrumentation, pipefitting, millwrighting, mechanics and even a butcher. All bring their unique experiences to the workshop.

The following are just a few of the many projects, repairs refurbishments that have been completed by the workshop team.

Fort Saskatchewan Historical Society 2017 Budget Request

Historical Society Workshop Crew Projects

- 2 Gazebos (built a larger one to handle the weddings.)
- Red River Cart (authentically built no nails or screws)
- Officer's and Men's Latrine (get to know your friends)
- 2 Rail carts (refurbished deck and bogie)
- Garden Fence around Officers' Quarters (apple orchard)
- Gallows model (part of gaol exhibit)
- Blacksmith shop renovations (rewired, stained, repaired)
- Chicken coop repairs (Siding repaired, painted)
- Murphy Wagon restoration (Total restoration)
- 2 Tractor repairs (improve reliability)
- Vertical, visual Gasoline Pump (Total rebuild)

Fort Saskatchewan Historical Society 2017 Budget Request

**Historical Society Workshop Crew in
Support of the History Centre.**

- Rebuilt and maintain the water pump station
- Maintain and built new furniture for NWMP Fort
- Made wooden rifles and revolvers
- Made and painted hobby horses
- Built and maintain the wooden cow and goat
- Teach the blacksmith portion of the “Who Was Here Before Us” program
- Made a cover for the bronze cannon

Fort Saskatchewan Historical Society 2017 Budget Request

Electrical upgrade - \$2,000

At present the power is supplied through the village’s own electrical circuitry, which has no capacity to take any additional load. This upgrade would tap into new washrooms, then be disconnected from village increasing village capacity.

Dust collection - \$2,000

We are currently using a loaned system which partially removes the dust but would like a permanent dust collection system

Compressed air system - \$800

With the varied work activities and tools a permanent compressed air system would increase versatility, we have the compressor just need piping.

Fort Saskatchewan Historical Society 2017 Budget Request

Sandblast Unit - \$300

Working on many artifacts entails a large amount of cleaning, rust removal etc. We have a donated unit just need associated tooling and piping.

Tools - \$1,150

Over the past number of years we have been adding to and upgrading our array of tools, but with the NWMP Viewing Platform scheduled for next year places the need to upgrade and replace the following tools: - Compound Mitre Saw, Air Nailer and Battery Operated Power Drill

This request for \$6,650.00 of additional funding is to cover associated costs of material and tools only, all work/permits will be handled by qualified people of the workshop group.

Fort Saskatchewan Historical Society 2017 Budget Request Questions:



PROJECTS, ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS COMPLETED BY THE FORT SASKATCHEWAN HISTORICAL SOCIETY.

PROJECTS	COMMENTS			
		Materials	Hours	Cost
2006				
Court House steps				\$30,000.00
Design and built milking cow		\$60.00	12	\$360.00
Wardens House windows				\$22,000.00
Kulak House log repairs				\$72,000.00
RCMP Musical ride				\$5,137.00
Milk n Cookies with Santa				
Vintage snowmobile show				
Enchanted Forest				
Neighbour Day				
Active Living Expo				
2007				
Stained Warden's House deck		\$65.00	12	\$365.00
Open shed clean out, painted and new gravel	3 Summer students			\$13,529.00
Built 3 milking stools		\$10.00	6	\$160.00
Christmas Tea				
Milk n Cookies with Santa				
Vintage Snowmobile show				
Enchanted Forest				
Neighbour Day				
Active Living Expo				
2008				
Painted Chicken Coop	Community hours	\$0.00	8	\$200.00
New lights in Machinery				\$4,262.00
Clean out and rearrange workshop		\$250.00	60	\$1,750.00
David Thompson Bicentennial				\$5,200.00
Vintage Snowmobile				
Christmas Tea				
Milk n Cookies with Santa				
Enchanted Forest				
Neighbour Day				
Active Living Expo				
2009				
Built large Gazebo				\$14,277.00
Courthouse anniversary				
Water sealed Warden's House deck	City supplied sealer	\$0.00	16	\$400.00
Installed Wire Bird Netting on ceiling of machine she	Not done	\$45.00		\$45.00
Built steps for Medicine wagon		\$24.00	12	\$324.00
1st Peoples of the North Saskatchewan event				

PROJECTS, ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS COMPLETED BY THE FORT SASKATCHEWAN HISTORICAL SOCIETY.

Vintage Snowmobile show				
Christmas Tea				
Milk n Cookies with Santa				
Enchanted Forest				
Neighbour Day				
Active Living Expo				
2010				
Won the Alberta School Board Assn. award	"Peoples"			
Won Laurel Award	"Peoples"			
Assisted City with removal of outer fence		\$0.00	24	\$600.00
Build Small engine display shelf	0	\$148.00	16	\$548.00
Blacksmith shop installed chimney				\$8,882.00
Re-Built small engines		\$300.00	72	\$2,100.00
Re-Shingled Chicken Coop	Community hours	\$80.00	12	\$380.00
Built bench in Blacksmith shop	Community hours	\$96.00	8	\$296.00
2nd Peoples of the North Saskatchewan				
Vintage snowmobile show				
Christmas Teas				
Milk n Cookies with Santa				
Enchanted Forest				
Neighbour Day				
Active Living Expo				
2011				
Archeological Dig boxes		\$120.00	28	\$820.00
Building Red River cart				
Painted telephone booth in village		\$25.00	4	\$125.00
Donation for library in Fort	Fort			\$5,000.00
3rd Peoples of the North Saskatchewan				
Vintage snowmobile show				
Milk n Cookies with Santa				
Christmas Tea				
Enchanted Forest				
Neighbour Day				
Active Living Expo				
2012				
Built authentic Red River cart		\$1,950.00	580	\$16,450.00
Water sealed Wardens House sideboards and deck	Community hours	\$0.00	16	\$400.00
Painted railings on Wardens House deck	Community hours	\$0.00	8	\$200.00
Design and built milking goat		\$60.00	12	\$360.00
Valance for Projector screen.	Fort	\$60.00	9	\$285.00
Made 24 wooden rifles	Fort	\$80.00	18	\$530.00
Made 24 wooden horses	Fort	\$80.00	18	\$530.00
Made stand for horses and rifles	Fort	\$96.00	24	\$696.00

PROJECTS, ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS COMPLETED BY THE FORT SASKATCHEWAN HISTORICAL SOCIETY.

Built storage box for prog. Room	Fort	\$80.00	30	\$830.00
4th Peoples of the North Saskatchewan				
Winterfest				
Milk n Cookies with Santa				
Christmas Tea				
Enchanted Forest				
Neighbour Day				
Active Living Expo				
2013				
Made complete alphabet set of Branding Irons		\$60.00	36	\$960.00
Refurbished 2 rail carts at CN station		\$400.00	84	\$2,500.00
Repaired butter churn		\$0.00	12	\$300.00
Rebuilt water pumping trailer		\$220.00	108	\$2,920.00
Rebuilt station pumps		\$60.00	48	\$1,260.00
Built steps for water pumping trailer		\$80.00	12	\$380.00
3 folding stools for Officers quarters	Fort	\$100.00	36	\$1,000.00
Build orchard garden fence at Officers quarters	Fort	\$120.00	18	\$570.00
Build garden fence by constables quarters	Fort	\$80.00	18	\$530.00
Design and made cannon cover	Fort	\$300.00	24	\$900.00
Build box for explosive	Fort	\$64.00	16	\$464.00
5th Peoples of the North Saskatchewan				
Winterfest				
Christmas Tea				
Milk n Cookies with Santa				
Enchanted Forest				
Neighbour Day				
Active Living Expo				
2014				
Won the Alberta Heritage Awareness Award	"Peoples"			
Refurbished Windmill	FSHS/Shell Scotford			
New countertop in Warden`s House	City paid 50%			
Renovate vertical Visual gasoline pump				
Painted Picket fence				
Build constables latrine 4 holer	Fort			
Apply preservative to furniture	Fort	\$75.00	18	\$525.00
6th Peoples of the North Saskatchewan				
Winterfest				
Christmas Tea				
Milk n Cookies				
Enchanted Forest				
Neighbour Day				
Active Living Expo				
2015				

PROJECTS, ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS COMPLETED BY THE FORT SASKATCHEWAN HISTORICAL SOCIETY.

Refurbish Murphy wagon	Fort			
Built Officers latrine	Fort			
Made and install new signs on Old Fort markers				
6th Peoples of the North Saskatchewan				
Winterfest				
Milk n Cookies with Santa				
Christmas Tea				
Enchanted Forest				
Neighbour Day				
Active Living Expo				
2016				
Won Historical Society of Alberta award				
Repaired and painted Chicken Coop				
Blacksmith shop refurbish elect/siding				
Tractor maintenance				
Won Canada Day Parade Best entry	Suffragettes			
7th Peoples of the North Saskatchewan				
Winterfest				
Milk n Cookies with Santa				
Christmas Tea				
Active Living Expo				
Registration Day				
				\$221,350.00



Fort Saskatchewan Public Library: Supporting the Community

Budget Presentation / Grant Request 2017

Miranda Brun, Library Board Trustee

David Larsen, Library Director

October 27, 2016



The Library as Community Support

Throughout downturns in the economy, the public library experiences increased usage.

Librarian's Axiom: "During difficult economic times, people turn to their local public library for assistance, solace, and support..."

Public Libraries in the New Economy: Twenty-First-Century Skills, the Internet, and Community Needs (Public Library Quarterly, 2012)



How the Library Supports Job Seekers, Builds Skillsets and Helps the Economy

- Internet/computers: job searching; resumé creation and printing; email; government forms
- Learning resources: interview skills, resumé writing
- Study space, tutor meet-ups and free exam proctoring
- Job postings (*Careers Under Construction*)
- Technologies for entrepreneurship (3D printer, Wi-Fi, scanning, digitization, multimedia equipment)
- Programs (e.g. credit counselling)
- Immigrant Settlement Services (EISA); English and French conversation circles
- One-on-one computer instruction



Efficient Program Delivery: Partnered Programming

Partnering with other agencies in offering joint programming and support:

- Families First
- Rotary Club
- City of Fort Saskatchewan
- Boys & Girls Club
- Chartered Professional Accountants of Alberta
- Edmonton Immigrant Services Association: In-Library Settlement Services Practitioner
- CALLS: Computer Training and English as a Second Language Classes
- Metro Federation of Edmonton Libraries: Writer in Residence
- FCSS
- Multicultural Association
- Kabisig Society
- Naturalist Society
- Happy Harbor Comics
- Early Years Coalition
- R.C.M.P.
- Southfort Gardens
- Local Schools



Community Adult
Learning & Literacy Society





Increases in Library Usage – YOY 2013-2015

Annual Report totals (December 31)	2013	2014	2015	% INCREASE 2013-2015	
Number of library cardholders	1,836	2,709	2,752	+49%	Cardholders as of Sept 30, 2016 3,957 (+115% from 2013)
Circulation of items	137,872	176,517	190,169	+38%	
Gate count (visitors)	86,196	116,196	125,126	+45%	
Computer sessions	15,216	21,434	22,530	+48%	
Programs offered	286	484	887	+210%	
Program attendees	4,397	7,871	12,762	+190%	



Increases in Library Usage YTD Jan - Sep 2015, 2016

	Jan – Sep 2015			Jan – Sep 2016		
New Library cards & renewals	New	Renew	YTD total	New	Renew	YTD total
	725	1132	1857	1426	1716	3142
				97% increase	52% increase	69% increase

	Jan – Sep 2015	Jan – Sep 2016	
Circulation of items	127,817	171,520	34% increase
Gate Count (visitors)	91,126	111,944	23% increase



Plan of Service 2015-2018

3 service priorities:

- I. Create Young Readers: Early Literacy
- II. Satisfy Curiosity: Lifelong Learning
- III. Know Your Community: Community Resources and Services

Exceeded goals to date in almost every area.



Meeting the Demand for 2017

- Increasing existing staffing support hours by 28.5 hours per week for programming, circulations, interlibrary loan and patron support
- Additional open hours (3 hours per week)
- Proposed increase of 7 hours per week of IT support to assist with computers, printers, Wi-Fi, photocopying, Adaptive Technology Station, Makerspace, 3D printer, audiovisual equipment, and network infrastructure
- Additional funds for electronic collections and digital resources and typical increased costs for traditional materials (books, DVDs, Blu-Rays)



Annual Capital Replacement Planning (included in annual budgets)

	2017	
Computer and Network Equipment Replacement	\$16,500	5-year cycle (approx)
Furniture and Shelving Replacement	\$27,000	5% value per annum (approx)



Capital Planning - Reserves

	Operating Reserves	Capital Reserves
Current (September, 2016)	\$61,196	\$798,054
Emergency preparedness: Change in financial policy of 5% to 25% of annual Operating to be held in Operating Reserves: (Board approved September, 2016)	+\$251,353	-\$251,353
Remaining Enrich the Experience (fundraised) Expenditures		-\$59,052
Balance (Dec. 31, 2016)	\$312,549	\$487,649

- Future planning: renovations/expansion; a satellite location?
- Value of Library contents: \$5,272,000 (AMSC 2015, current review in-progress, to include additional equipment acquired 2016); need to accommodate further depreciation of capital assets
- Growing our Capital reserves: interest from continued investment of cash balances; future fundraising campaigns



2017 COFS Grant Request

- Overall YTD increase (Jan – Sept 2015, 2016) in new library cards and renewals (+69%), visitors (+23%)
- For 2017 requesting \$1,164,471 from City of Fort Saskatchewan (7.7% increase over 2016)



Comments / Questions?

Council Presentation 2016

Good evening. I'm Sharron Roberts, chairman of Special Transportation Services Society, or STSS.

Mayor Katchur and members of city council, thank you for allowing me to speak to you this evening. Some of my board members are here with me this evening.

As you know, we have been function since 1980, providing subsidized transportation for seniors, disabled, chronically ill, and some short term disabilities. Our taxi service with Driving Miss Daisy is used by the majority of our clients, but we also have the wheelchair accessible vans for those unable to access the taxi service.

Our services remain in demand. DMD averages 346 in town and 80 out of town trips every month. The handivan averages 87 in town and 21 out of town trips every month

As our handivan is 11 years old, we purchased another MV1. As the MV1 is more economical to run, and the demand for the larger van is minimal, we felt this was a better use of our funds. As the new MV1 is now here, we will be selling the handivan. As we had already raised most of the funds for the new van, we did not have a fundraising drive this year. We had our second casino in August, and are now waiting for the proceeds to pay the remainder of the costs. The board would like to thank Arjun for his help at the casino.

We have seen an increase in the need of some clients to require a full subsidy when using our services.

We continue to need more board members, so some members are doing more than 1 duty.

We did receive an honor this year. Gail Steeves nominated our board for the Senior Services award. We were 1 of 8 groups or individuals to receive a special award at Government House in September. Thank you Gail.

Although we are not requesting a budget increase, we wanted to share all our good news with you.

Are there any questions?

Respectfully submitted,

Sharron Roberts.



FORT SASKATCHEWAN NORDIC SKI CLUB

Presentation to Council



FORT SASKATCHEWAN NORDIC SKI CLUB

Club Update

- Membership currently down from last year
- Some programs will not be provided this year due to low enrollment
- Currently approaching this with a regional focus to allow athletes to train in Edmonton while still representing the FSNSC
- We currently have a good group in the advanced beginners programs which we hope will allow the club to provide the higher level programs within a few seasons
- Club is still operating as a 100% volunteer organization





FORT SASKATCHEWAN NORDIC SKI CLUB

Recreation and Parks Master Plan

Cross country trails expansion

- The Fort Saskatchewan Nordic Ski Club is asking Council to consider funding additional grass cutting to allow incorporation of the ski trails identified in the Recreation Master Plan. The City budget being requested to complete this work is \$1,500 per year.

West River Edge Reforestation

- The Fort Saskatchewan Nordic Ski Club raised \$16,500 for reforestation in the WRE. This funding will allow the planting of 65 Aspens in the area with two years of watering. FSNSC is asking Council for permission to work with administration to facilitate the tree planting



FORT SASKATCHEWAN NORDIC SKI CLUB

Volunteer Recognition

FSNSC would like to promote the ski trails and cooperation between the City and the club at select locations on the trail system with permanent signage.

To facilitate we ask Council's permission to work with the recreation department and communications department to develop small signage that we can install on the trail system incorporating Club and City branding.

Cross country Ski trails are maintained by Volunteers from the Fort Saskatchewan Nordic ski club in cooperation with the City of Fort Saskatchewan.

We asked that you avoid walking or biking in the groomed ski tracks to ensure that everyone has the opportunity to enjoy the trails.




<http://www.fortsasknordic.ca/>



FORT SASKATCHEWAN NORDIC SKI CLUB

Keys to Success

FSNSC COMMITMENT TO SUCCESS

- SUCCESSFUL WORKING RELATIONSHIP WITH CITY ADMINISTRATION
- STRONG FUNDRAISING HISTORY
- STRONG VOLUNTEER HISTORY
- PROPOSED CROSS COUNTRY SKI COMPONENTS FULLY FUNDED BY FSNSC



FORT SASKATCHEWAN NORDIC SKI CLUB

THANK YOU

ON BEHALF OF THE FORT SASKATCHEWAN NORDIC SKI CLUB



FORT SASKATCHEWAN NORDIC SKI CLUB

QUESTIONS?



MISSION STATEMENT AND CORE VALUES



- Mission Statement:
 - To provide a safe, supportive place where children and youth can overcome barriers, build positive relationships and develop confidence and skills for life.
- Core Values:
 - Inclusion and Opportunity
 - Respect and Belonging
 - Empowerment
 - Speaking out
 - Collaboration

We are a member of Boys & Girls Clubs of Canada.

HISTORY



This past year, the Boys and Girls Club hit an incredible milestone, offering programs and services to the City of Fort Saskatchewan for 30 years, initially opening in the old fire hall in February of 1986

After approximately 20 years, the Board of Directors decided to move the location of the Boys and Girls Club, and the current location opened in December of 2000.

OUR PROGRAMS



Currently, the Boys and Girls Club offers a number of programs, including:

- Out of School program
- Youth Programs and Services
- Youth and Family Support
- Youth Employment Strategy
- Fourth R Program
- In School and Community Mentoring
- Volunteer program



OUT OF SCHOOL PROGRAM



The Boys and Girls Club offers a licensed and accredited Out of School program for children and youth in the community. The program provides the opportunity for children and youth to develop a variety of social, emotional, and life skills.

- Breakfast Program – we serve approximately 17 000/year
- Healthy Lunch program – we serve approximately 4000/year
- After School Snacks – we serve approximately 25 000/year
- Sports opportunities including swimming, curling, and others
- No School day program for PD days
- Sustainable gardening – we are participating in the Grow Your Own project
- Healthy lifestyle cooking
- Drama programs
- Supportive programs



YOUTH AND FAMILY SUPPORT



These programs offer children, youth and families the opportunity to enhance life, communication and coping skills in a caring and confidential environment. We also offer opportunities to grow leadership skills, increase independence, and self-esteem through:

- Support groups for children and youth
- Skills based programs for children and youth
- Supported Referrals to resources and other community agencies
- Advocacy
- Educational support for parents and caregivers
- Individual and family counselling

This program has provided these programs and services to approximately 450 people in the community.

YOUTH PROGRAMS AND SERVICES



We offer a variety of programs to keep youth aged 12 and older actively engaged in programs and activities in the community. These include:

- Leadership opportunities
- Youth nights and social activities
- Meaningful youth volunteer opportunities

As the program expands, Youth programs will work with youth to determine the unique needs of the community of Fort Saskatchewan.

SUMMER PROGRAMS



This year, we offered a number of overnight trips, full day programs, and skill building experiences for children and youth.

This included:

- Become Awesome At skill based programs
- Youth Employment program
- Hotdog Cart employment opportunity
- Youth volunteerism and participation in community festivals and events

During the summer months, approximately 57 children and youth were fully subsidized to attend our summer programs through the generosity of community donations and fundraising



5TH GENERATION PROJECT



The Boys and Girls Club, with Families First and Fort Saskatchewan and Area Restorative Justice formed a partnership to engage men and boys to prevent and reduce family violence. It is funded through the Government of Alberta's Family and Community Safety grant program

The Boys and Girls Club facilitated two programs with the project.

- The Fourth R program:
 - educates youth ages 12-17 on topics such as healthy relationships, substance use, and mental health
 - We facilitated the program in Our Lady of Angels School to 91 youth in grade 7
 - In September, the program began in both OLA and JP II and is serving 138 students in the community.
- In School Mentoring:
 - match adults with a child or youth in the school one hour per week to foster a positive relationship
 - By September, we have engaged 5 schools
 - We have mentors matched with 4 students
 - We have currently completed intake on 6 mentors, and have completed intake on an additional 7 youth.

CAREER CAFÉ



In an effort to greater develop our Youth Employment Strategy, the Boys and Girls Club partnered with Careers Under Construction and Heartland Ford to create a new youth based employment program. In May 2016 the Career Café opened in Heartland Ford.

The program is:

- 10 weeks in length
- Places youth in the Heartland Ford Career Café to gain hands on experiences
- Teaches customer service, safe food handling, and working in a fast paced environment
- For youth ages 15-24



NEW SATELLITE LOCATION



As the City of Fort Saskatchewan continues to grow, the Boys and Girls Club has realized the need to grow with it.

The Boys and Girls Club recently partnered with Elk Island Public Schools, and the district has invited us to utilize property at their new Southpointe school site to construct a satellite location. This new site will allow us to serve additional families with our innovative programs and supportive services



REVENUE AND EXPENSES



Revenue:

• Grants and Subsidies	45%
• Fundraising/Donations	23%
• User Fees	20%
• United Way	8%
• City of Fort Saskatchewan	4%

Expenses:

• Salaries and Benefits (25 Staff)	70%
• Program	12%
• Office/Administrative	9%
• Building Expense	6%
• Vehicle (busses)	3%

This year our annual operating budget is just over \$1,000,000

FINANCIAL SUPPORT REQUESTED



The City of Fort Saskatchewan has provided the Boys & Girls Club with financial support through a grant from FCSS since 1986. These funds are crucial to ensuring that all kids are able to participate.

Without the support of the City we would need to find additional funding to ensure that all kids have the opportunity to participate.

This year, we have requested additional funding to assist in supporting our current operating costs, due to inflation and cost of living. This will be the first request in 10 years in regards to increased funding.

CONCLUSION



We would like to thank the City of Fort Saskatchewan for their ongoing support of the Boys and Girls Club for the past 30 years.

We have a great appreciation for the financial support, partnerships, and collaborative approach.

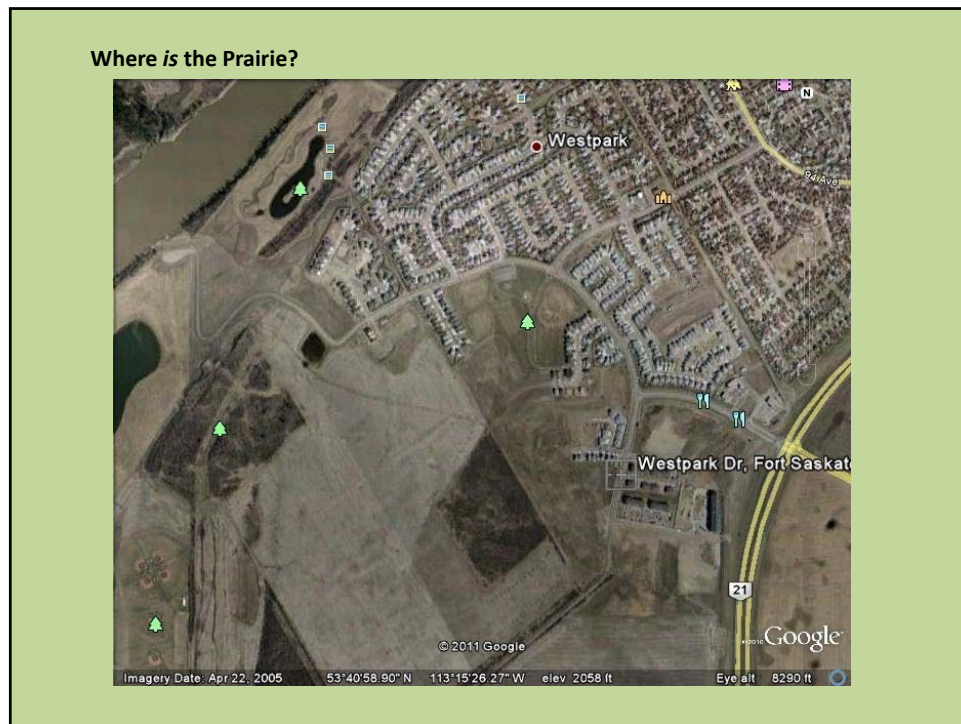


2017 Budget Presentation

Fort Saskatchewan Prairie

City of Fort Saskatchewan
Fort Saskatchewan Stewardship Program







Objectives of the Fort Saskatchewan Prairie Stewardship Program

- improve and maintain the natural integrity of the Prairie by appropriate site management
- recruit volunteers so that sustainable stewardship can be maintained
- outreach and provide interpretation to the community (achieved so far with brochures and a bulletin board)
- consult with City Council, Administration and the community on issues important to maintaining the health of the Prairie.



View looking north, winter,
2005

Management Activities in 2016

- Weeded and prepared beds for transplanting on the northernmost slope and “hollow” and in the “second hollow” where there was extensive infestation of weeds.
- Transplanted native plants from a sandy soil pasture near Gibbons that is to be stripped for road widening.
- Transplanted with nursery-raised transplants.
- Mulched and watered the beds.
- Weeded the area generally. Weeding was done by hand-pulling, digging and some use of herbicide.
- Maintained the trail (now largely a single-file trail).
- Collected seed for raising of transplants.
- Liaised with the City for water provision and garbage removal.

Note: Both volunteer and paid labour was used in these management activities in the ratio of 64 paid hours to 95 volunteer hours.



Activities Planned for 2017

- An early-season start on weeding, using paid labour, is planned, as the most cost-effective method of keeping weeds under control. If funds permit, regular weeding will continue throughout the season.
- More transplanting of plants grown off-site, but raised from seed collected from the Prairie.
- Record location of transplant beds and contents on a map provided by the City and monitor to assess survival and growth.
- Investigate the possibility of obtaining a community grant to employ student labour for part of the summer.
- Approach McClay Ecoscience re using the Prairie as an experimental station for biocontrol of the noxious weed yellow toadflax.
- Develop a colour brochure (Edmonton Native Plant Group) (similar to the one that already exists for the plants of Fort Saskatchewan Prairie) on the weeds (non-native plants) of the Prairie. This will help field workers discriminate between weeds and native plants.
- Organize at least one outreach event, such as a field trip, locally advertised.

2017 Budget Request: \$4,500

Paid weed control and management of transplant beds, including labour costs per hour & travelling expenses	\$3000
Nursery raising of native plants	\$750
Weed Brochure	\$ 500
Miscellaneous expenses, e.g. refreshments for volunteers, garbage bags	<u>\$ 250</u>
	<u>Total \$4,500</u>



Thank You!

Woodland Trail in Fort Saskatchewan Prairie

4 October 2016

Dear Mayor Katchur and Councillors:

Re: Fort Saskatchewan Prairie Stewardship Program

I regret that I will be unable to be present at the October 27 Council meeting on the budget for 2017 as I will be out of the country on vacation on that date.

I can, however, report that our Fort Saskatchewan Prairie Stewardship group continued our caretaking activities in the Prairie this year and plan to do more of the same next year.

The expenditure of \$1,587.50 on paid labour and the input of 90 volunteer hours (albeit from a limited number of volunteers) this year have enabled us to make good progress with the enhancement of the native plant communities in the Prairie. Activities have included weed removal, preparation and transplanting with native plants of restoration plots, seed collection on-site, and trail maintenance.

Native plants were obtained from two main sources: salvage from a similar sandy-soil native prairie north of Gibbons being developed for road widening; and plants grown from Prairie-collected seed by the Edmonton Native Plant Group.

We were assisted by the Departments of Public Works and Parks in the provision of water for the transplants and the removal of garbage (mainly weeds).

Our goal for the future continues to be maintenance of the Prairie's native plant communities and their gradual extension through removal of non-native smooth brome patches followed by replanting. We will be recording location and species content of restoration plots on large-scale aerial maps provided by the City in order to monitor survival and growth of the transplant species.

Another objective is to develop a program to recruit local volunteers, both to promote local appreciation of the Prairie and eventually to reduce expenses (approximately \$1,100.00 was claimed for travelling expenses this year and not all trips were claimed for). We would welcome any assistance the City can provide with an outreach project. We do plan to hold at least one locally advertised guided field trip in 2017.

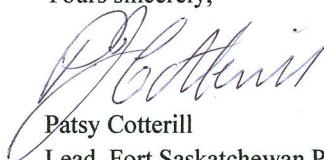
Since it is unlikely that we will be able to recruit enough volunteers in the immediate future through outreach, we expect to continue to rely on temporary paid labour in 2017, so labour costs will again be a priority for spending. We will continue to work with the \$3,000 in grant funding the City generously offers. However, an increase of \$1,500 would allow us to employ labour for longer during the season, enabling us to get control of weeds earlier and thus save maintenance costs in the long term. In addition, since free salvage of native plants will not be available in 2017, we anticipate that costs for seed-raised plants will be higher.

We hope to be able to engage McClay Ecoscience in a trial of a biocontrol agent on toadflax next year.

A further goal is to engage the Edmonton Native Plant Group to produce a brochure on the Prairie's weeds, the better to assist our field workers in weed identification and discrimination from native species.

The Fort Saskatchewan Prairie is a valuable amenity for the City and we are pleased to see more people using its trails responsibly. Although our ultimate goal is to reach a stage where the natural communities are more self-sustaining and require less maintenance, ongoing stewardship is currently necessary if we are to maintain the progress we have made. Hence I respectfully request Council approve funding of \$4,500 for 2017.

Yours sincerely,



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Fort Saskatchewan Prairie looking south (Sept. 27, 2016)



Restoration plot in "First Hollow" (Sept. 27, 2016)



Partly completed restoration plot, on slope, "Second Hollow." Weedy slope requiring eventual restoration.

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