

CITY OF FORT SASKATCHEWAN

Alberta Community Partnership Grant – Town of Bruderheim Ice Plant

Motion:

That the City of Fort Saskatchewan participate in the grant application to provide for regional partnership funding for the replacement of the ice plant in the Town of Bruderheim arena.

Background:

The Province created the Alberta Community Partnership (ACP) grant program that allows for capital funding for projects that are considered regionally significant. This funding is available through the Intermunicipal Collaboration Component of the ACP grant.

The Town of Bruderheim has asked the City of Fort Saskatchewan to participate in an ACP grant application in 2014 to provide for funding to replace their aging ice plant, and to allow for the continued operation of their ice arena.

At the October 28, 2014 regular Council meeting, Council approved a motion to participate in the grant application to provide for regional partnership funding for the replacement of the ice plant in the Town of Bruderheim arena. The Town of Bruderheim was unsuccessful in the grant application and are re-applying for the grant.

Topic Identification/Outcomes:

There are a significant number of Fort Saskatchewan citizens who utilize the Town of Bruderheim arena due to its availability and location. If this ice arena were to discontinue operations, it would add significant strain on the amount of ice available for use within the region. In addition, there was a significant amount of usage of this arena while the renovations were taking place at the Sportsplex Arena, which further demonstrates the importance of this arena.

The full cost of the project is \$400,000. The Town has already secured \$25,000 through the Kraft Hockeyville contest and hopes to utilize this grant program to leverage other fundraising opportunities. The City of Fort Saskatchewan is also looking at ways to formalize the partnership between us to ensure that we are able to mutually benefit from the continuing operations of the Bruderheim Arena.

Intergovernmental Involvement:

It is expected that Strathcona County, the Town of Lamont, and Lamont County will also participate in this initiative.

Financial Implications:

There will be no financial impact to the City by participating with the Town of Bruderheim in this grant application.

Policy/Council Priorities:

Council Strategic Plan

GOAL 4 – EXCELLENCE IN GOVERNMENT

Continue to develop and maintain strong relationships with our neighbouring municipalities and civic organizations.

Recommendation:

That Council participate in the grant application to provide for regional partnership funding for the replacement of the ice plant in the Town of Bruderheim arena.

File No.:

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