



## AGENDA ITEM

### The Town of Eckville Library Board RC(1) Request – Flooring and Storage Project

June 11, 2020

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#### **BACKGROUND**

Lacombe County has received an application from the Town of Eckville Library Board for funding for replacement of flooring and the addition of a portable storage unit at the Eckville Library. The total cost of the project is \$11,153 with the County's share being \$ 5,576 or 50%. The request is being made under the County's Policy RC(1) Capital Support of Recreation and Cultural Facilities.

A copy of the request from the Town of Eckville Library Board is attached.

Administration is supportive of this funding request.

#### **ANALYSIS**

The facility is owned by the Town of Eckville and operated by Library Board and thus is an eligible facility under the policy guidelines.

The Eckville Library currently has 141 rural family memberships. The Board has indicated that County user in general make up 45% of the overall usership for the Library.

The Board is also seeking funding from the Town of Eckville in the amount of \$5,577. Town Council will be reviewing this request at their June 8<sup>th</sup> Council meeting. Administration will update Council at their meeting as to the decision of Town Council.

The Board is seeking a financial commitment of \$ 5,576 from the County. Administration is supportive of this request subject to matching funding from the Town.

#### **ALTERNATIVES**

1. Approve the request as requested (Administration's recommendation).
2. Deny the request
3. Approve an amount as determined by Council



## BUDGET IMPLICATIONS

Funding for this project is not in the 2020 County operating budget. Should Council support this request, funding would be provided through the County's Recreation Capital Assistance Reserve.

The projected 2020 year-end balance of the reserve, including projects approved to June 11, 2020 is 2,422,432, (including the 2020 contribution to reserves of \$1.59 million).

## LEGISLATIVE RESPONSIBILITIES

1. Lacombe County Policy RC(1) - Capital Support of Recreation and Cultural Facilities
2. Section 3 of the Municipal Government Act (MGA) states the purposes of a municipality are: 1) to provide good government, 2) to provide services, facilities or other things that, in the opinion of council, are necessary or desirable for all or part of the municipality, and 3) to develop and maintain safe and viable communities.
3. Section 248(1)(a) of the MGA states that a municipality may only make an expenditure that is included in an operating budget, interim operating budget or capital budget unless otherwise authorized by Council.

## STRATEGIC PLAN

The following elements of the County's Strategic Plan are relevant to this issue:

Our Vision: "An attractive, balanced and progressive community".

Our Mission: "Building a safe and vibrant community through leadership, innovation and the development of healthy relationships".

Key Principles: 1) "Fair and Objective in our decisions and in how we treat individuals", and 2) "Accountability for our decisions and for our actions".

Resource and Asset Management Strategy: "To manage the natural, financial and physical assets of the County in order to obtain maximum value from all of these resources".

Key Success Measures – Sustainability: "Current services are maintainable and provide benefits for the future, while minimizing negative impacts on the community", and "Shared sense of identity, regardless of municipal boundaries".

Key Success Measures – Stakeholder Satisfaction: "Healthy relationships with neighbouring municipalities, communities and our citizens."



**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

As the Board has already undertaken a consultation process with the Town and its members, the County’s public engagement will be limited to informing the public of Council’s decision on this matter as well as communicating Council’s decision to the Town of Eckville and the Board.

**RECOMMENDATION**

That Council approve the following resolution:

*That Lacombe County Council commit to fund \$ 5,576 of the Town of Eckville Library floor project; and furthermore, that this contribution be funded from the County’s Recreation Capital Assistance Reserve.*



**REVIEWED BY: Tim Timmons, County Manager**