



## STAFF REPORT

**Title:** Grant Agreement - Parent Link Centre Indigenous Enhancement Grant

**Meeting Date:** March 12, 2019

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### **Executive Summary:**

The Cold Lake Parent Link Centre (PLC) is uniquely designed to meet the needs of families and caregivers. The Parent Link Centre works with parents, caregivers and other agencies to give children the best start in life. The Centre offers families comprehensive support in five core service areas: Early Childhood Development and Care; Parent Education; Family Support; Information and Referrals; and Developmental Screening.

Administration has recently received consent by the Early Childhood Development Branch, Ministry of Children's Services for a Parent Link Centre Indigenous Enhancement Grant in the amount of \$125,000.

### **Background:**

The Cold Lake Parent Link Centre is one of the four (4) participating community partners which forms the Lakeland Parent Link Network. The Lakeland Parent Link Network is one of Alberta's network of 57 Parent Link Centres. The participating community partners in the Lakeland Parent Link Network are: the City of Cold Lake, Town of St. Paul, Town of Bonnyville and Lac La Biche County.

The Cold Lake Parent Link Centre will receive \$125,000 with the aim of engaging in activities/programs/partnerships and the provision of additional outreach, resources and support that enhance the organization's current capacity to deliver the Parent Link Centre services for indigenous families and communities.

The Cold Lake Parent Link Centre will receive one time \$125,000 grant with the aim of providing additional resources and support to indigenous children and families e.g. early childhood education and parenting skills.

The grant deliverables are:

1. Build program Capacity with an indigenous world view by providing additional resources and supports.
2. Provide additional Parent Link Centre core programming and services using indigenous culturally-based practices and direct implementation of indigenous knowledge and traditions.



3. Provide outreach activities and services to engage, network and connect with indigenous families.
4. Engage in relationship building activities with indigenous serving organizations, partnerships or First Nations communities.

The City of Cold Lake proposal, for the one year grant, is to meet with Blue Quills College Administration to understand indigenous community needs, meet with community leaders, develop a strategy and develop a plan around engagement.

Found on Schedule B, staffing costs is \$100,000. Staffing costs to execute the deliverables will be shared between the four (4) participating community partners. As the Grant Recipient (City of Cold Lake by way of Cold Lake Parent Link Manager) will receive an administrative percentage from this grant. The specific percentage related to managing this grant is unclear and will be dependent on managing the deliverables.

This agreement does not have a matching grant component in the agreement.

**Alternatives:**

Council may consider the following options:

1. Council authorize the City of Cold Lake to enter into the Parent Link Centre – Indigenous Enhancement Grant Agreement with Ministry of Children’s Services.
2. Council may defer the Parent Link Centre – Indigenous Enhancement Grant Agreement with Ministry of Children’s Services.
3. Council may receive this report as information.

**Recommended Action:**

That Council authorize the City of Cold Lake to enter into the Parent Link Centre – Indigenous Enhancement Grant Agreement with Her Majesty the Queen in Right of Alberta as represented by the Minister of Children’s Services.

**Budget Implications (Yes or No):**

Yes

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