



## STAFF REPORT

**Title:** 2020 Community Capital Project Grant Policy Funding Allocation

**Meeting Date:** June 16, 2020

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### **Executive Summary:**

In keeping with the Community Capital Project Grant Policy No. 202-AD-16, the Recreation and Culture Advisory Committee (RCAC) received and considered the following seven (7) applications for the 2020 year:

### ***Supported***

1. \$13,000.00 - 4 Wing Medley Family Resource Centre Society (MFRCS)
2. \$10,000.00 - Cold Lake Seniors Society (the ask was for \$20,000.00)
3. \$27,000.00 - Cold Lake Native Friendship Centre

### ***Not Supported***

1. Cold Lake Multicultural Society (gift cards, \$425) - eligibility criteria not met
2. Cold Lake Multicultural Society (melting pot, \$425) - eligibility criteria not met
3. Lakeland Lacrosse Association (purchase and installation turf for the North Arena, \$120-180 thousand) - incomplete application- no costs, quotes, financial, letters of support, match funding
4. Hearts for Healthcare (healing gardens, \$30,000) - incomplete application - no costs, quotes, financials, letters of support, match funding, details, and location

### **Background:**

At Council's May 26, 2020 regular meeting, Council resolved to approve funding in the amount of \$10,000.00 to the Cold Lake Seniors' Society and defer the following requests to the June 16, 2020 Corporate Priorities Committee meeting:

- \$13,000.00 to the 4 Wing Medley Family Resource Centre Society (MFRCS)
- \$27,000.00 to the Cold Lake Native Friendship Center

During the debate, several concerns were expressed in regards to the funding eligibility in the policy. The following are examples:

- The MFRCS is a social program strongly backed by the Government of Canada and many of the requests seem to have the theme of replacement of day-to-day operational equipment to support the social programs.



- As for the Cold Lake Native Friendship Center, concerns were raised that the organization was working with other departments of the City of Cold Lake (including City Council). It should be noted that the time of grant submission the Cold Lake Native Friendship Center was working with a local developer.
- Concerns were express as to why the Multicultural Society requests not being considered. Council's funding program is a 2020 Community Capital Project Grant Policy. The purchasing of gift cards, didn't seem to be appropriate and/or the intent of the program.

It is administration opinion that Council took a reasonable approach to the approvals. Council is not required to give "reasons" for its decisions. That being said, if Council has concerns with the policy framework. Administration can consider proposing amendments to policy for council consideration.

Under section 248(1) of the *Municipal Government Act*, Council has the power to make expenditures as follows:

248(1) A municipality may only make an expenditure that is

- (a) included in an operating budget, interim operating budget or capital budget or otherwise authorized by the council.
  - (b) for an emergency, or
  - (c) legally required to be paid.
- (2) Each Council must establish procedures to authorize and verify expenditures that are not included in a budget.

In the 2020 operating budget, \$50,000.00 was approved and allocated to the Community Capital Project Grant Program.

The RCAC considered the seven (7) applications at their May 20, 2020 meeting and recommended the following (minutes were unavailable at the time of agenda prep):

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**Alternatives:**

Council may consider the following options:

1. That Council approve the recommendations made the May 20, 2020 Cold Lake Recreation and Culture Advisory Committee meeting being \$13,000 to the 4 Wing Medley Family Resource Centre Society (MFRCS) and \$27,000 to the Cold Lake Native Friendship Centre.
2. That the Corporate Priorities Committee proposed recommendations of funding levels to City Council..
3. That the Corporate Priorities Committee proposed amendments to the Community Capital Project Grant Policy.
4. The Corporate Priorities Committee could recommend that Council extend the deadline for submissions and allow for further application to be consider in the fall.

**Recommended Action:**

Administration recommends that the no changes be made to the Community Capital Project Grant Policy and no recommendation be made to Council decision on the funding allocations for 2020.

Administration further recommends that the Corporate Priorities Committee recommend that Council extend the deadline for submissions and allow for further application to be consider in the fall.

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

No

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