



STAFF REPORT

Title: Letter of Support - Lakeland Industry and Community Association (LICA) - Watershed Resiliency and Restoration Program (WRRP) Grant

Meeting Date: September 27, 2022

Executive Summary:

The Lakeland Industry and Community Association (LICA) is working on a grant application for the Watershed Resiliency and Restoration Program (WRRP) Grant, to complete large-scale riparian assessments within the following HUC 6 Watersheds:

1. Sand River
2. Martineau River-Cold Lake
3. Lower Beaver River

Please note that the Upper Beaver Watershed and Jackfish-Muriel Creeks Watersheds in addition to Reita Creek were completed this past year with the final reports posted on the LICA Website. Please refer to the attached map for reference to the watershed basin names. Riparian vegetation intactness will be assessed along the shorelines of interest using a desktop-based assessment tool that utilizes a current land cover layer derived from satellite imagery.

Due to the assessment area including Cold Lake, LICA is hoping that the City of Cold Lake would be in support of this project. If the grant is successful, the City will receive a copy of the final report findings that will identify riparian area intactness and pressure. If the City is interested, a letter of support addressed to LICA will increase their chances of receiving the grant

Background:

Alternatives:

- Provide a letter of support to the Lakeland Industry and Community Association (LICA) to include with their Watershed Resiliency and Restoration Program (WRRP) Grant application.
- Defeat a motion to provide a letter of support to the Lakeland Industry and Community Association (LICA) to include with their Watershed Resiliency and Restoration Program (WRRP) Grant application.



Recommended Action:

That Council provide a letter of support to the Lakeland Industry and Community Association (LICA) to include with their Watershed Resiliency and Restoration Program (WRRP) Grant application.

Budget Implications (Yes or No):

No

Submitted by:

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