

NOTICE OF MOTION

I, Chris Vining, am putting forward this "Notice of Motion" to have Council consider during its March 25, 2025, regular meeting of Council, a grant application under the Community, Recreation, Arts, Culture, and Heritage (CRACH) Program to provide financial assistance to the Zone 7 60+ Men's Hockey Team to attend the Alberta 55+ Games in Calgary between April 10–13, 2025.

The following outlines the specific motion for consideration:

"That Council authorize the City of Cold Lake to provide Mr. Lloyd Belcourt with financial assistance in the amount of \$4,800 under Other Community Recreation, Art, Culture and Heritage Investments of the Community Recreation, Art Culture and Heritage investments Grant Program to attend the Alberta 55+ Games in Calgary between April 10–13, 2025"

BACKGROUND

Lloyd Belcourt reached out to me on February 15, 2025 requesting for financial assistance in the bid to attend the Alberta 55+ Games in Calgary between April 10–13, 2025 with their hockey team referred to as the Zone 7 60+ Men's Hockey Team. Understanding that they require financial assistance however he has missed the CRACH timelines, and some the grant criteria may be conflict.

Lloyd is requesting for financial assistance in effort to purchase game sweaters, socks, sweater bags (both home and away), matching golf shirts, hats (for opening and closing ceremonies), entry fees, travel costs, and accommodations (hotel).

Please note that time is of the essence to assist in some of the expenses to attend such events around the world.

The CRACH Program also requires:

- The deadline to apply for all grants under the CRACH program will be no later than the first Thursday of every second month being January, March, May, July, September, and November. This means that next intake will on March 6, 2025 meaning that Council may not see the application and committees' recommendation until April, 2025. And this is only if administration does not screen it out for various reasons which is covered below.
- In accordance with the CRACH Grant Program it is understood that a delegation is required. I do not think a delegation is necessary as Lloyd Belcourt is very well known to the community and to Council. A delegation would delay the process in providing the necessary financial assistance to their team that will be traveling to Calgary in the coming weeks.
- Section 4.4.1.3 requires that an individual must be endorsed by, and a member of, a Non-Profit Organizations or Private Business in good standing with the City and be based within the boundaries of the City or located adjacent to the City in Wards 5 and 6 of the M.D. of Bonnyville

No. 87 and indigenous communities neighbouring Cold Lake. At this time, the team (or Lloyd) is not endorsed by a Non-Profit Organizations or Private Business that will execute a funding agreement, I am asking council to look past the policy to the spirit of the grant program and consider approving funding for Lloyd Belcourt.

The following depicts the articles of the policy for reference purposes:

- 4.4.1 The following are criteria to make an application for consideration:
 - 4.4.1.1 All applications must be complete and executed by an authorized individual with the appropriate endorsement to submit the application;
 - 4.4.1.2 The applicant must be in good financial standing with the City;
 - 4.4.1.3 An individual must be endorsed by, and a member of, a Non-Profit Organizations or Private Business in good standing with the City and be based within the boundaries of the City or located adjacent to the City in Wards 5 and 6 of the M.D. of Bonnyville No. 87 and indigenous communities neighbouring Cold Lake;
 - 4.4.1.4 An organizing committee under the auspices of an affiliate or sponsoring not-for-profit organization in good standing with the City;
 - 4.4.1.5 All requirements in Section 4.4.2 must be included in the application;

Despite the above, Lloyd Belcourt can be entrusted to ensure that the funding is spent in accordance with the program requirements.

- The CRACH Grant –Travel Grant part of the program outlines that the city could fund up to a maximum of \$500 per individual per calendar year will be considered or up to a maximum grant of \$1,000 per team per year will be considered. It is understood that Lloyd Belcourt is requesting for assistance in the amount of \$4,800.

Further to the above, section 4.3.11 of the Community Recreation, Art Culture and Heritage investments Grant Program outlines:

Other Community Recreation, Art, Culture and Heritage Investments: The City of Cold Lake is always interested in hearing from the community and community groups relating to any and all ideas for bonafide Community Recreation, Art, Culture and Heritage Investments initiatives that may not be covered under an existing policy or program offered by the City of Cold Lake or is excluded based on the criteria of an existing policy/program, the organization may wish to make an application directly to the Community Grant Advisory Committee for funding consideration.

Such an application should be addressed directly to the Community Grant Advisory Committee.

This opportunity will be eligible to Non-Profit Organizations and Private Businesses.

No maximum limit for funding has been identified due to the unknown nature of ideas being proposed by the community. Each event will be considered by the Committee on its own merits on a case-by-case basis.

It is my perspective that this initiative is unique and could be considered "Other Community Recreation, Art, Culture and Heritage Investments," as outlined in the application. Further "Other Community Recreation, Art, Culture and Heritage Investments" are not bound by a maximum limit of funding.

I am concerned that administration and/or the committee's strict adherence to the policy would result in screening out the application. Furthermore, time is of the essence for the team to book hotels, purchase new (Home and Away) sweaters, socks, shirts, hats, etc. for the games which takes several weeks. This will result in the city not being recognized at the games. I am therefore presenting this "Notice of Motion." With that, I am asking council to look past the policy to the spirit of the grant program and consider approving funding for Llyod Belcourt's funding request to help with the costs to attend Alberta 55+ Games.



Councillor Chris Vining