



Municipal District of Bonnyville No. 87

Request for Decision (RFD)

Meeting: Regular Meeting of Council
Meeting Date: June 11, 2024
Originated By: Greg Sheppard, Manager of Parks and Recreation
Title: Iron River School Association – Playground Project Update

PROPOSAL & BACKGROUND

In 2021 and 2022, the M.D. of Bonnyville donated a total of \$262,000 towards a new playground project for the Iron River School Association. The project was successfully completed in 2023 below budget due to unexpected discounts from vendors as well as some work being able to be completed in-house (which initially was not an option). In light of these savings, the Association has submitted a request to Council to confirm their approval of using the remaining funds for some additional features near the playground.

DISCUSSION ON BENEFITS, DISADVANTAGES & OPTIONS

With the remainder of the funds being \$47,855.82, the Iron River School Association would like to propose a Phase 2 addition to the project. No further funding is being requested.

Their first-choice option is to enhance the outdoor play area by building a pavilion to act as an outdoor learning area. Their second-choice option would be adding an additional piece of play equipment to the playground. As this new Phase 2 project is out of scope of the original proposal, they are seeking approval from Council to proceed.

Attached are the following for Council's review and discussion:

- Appendix A: Financial Statement including initial project funding and remaining balance.
- Appendix B: Quote from Happening Homes Ltd. for the proposed pavilion.

REFERENCE TO STRATEGIC PLAN

Guiding Principle: We Value Quality of Life

Goal 3: Promote Community Development

REFERENCE TO PROVINCIAL/FEDERAL LEGISLATION

N/A

COSTS & SOURCE OF FUNDING

N/A

COMMUNICATIONS STRATEGY

The Association will be notified in writing of Council's decision.

ADMINISTRATION RECOMMENDED ACTION

THAT Council approves any remaining funding provided to the Iron River School Association for their new Playground Project to be used towards additional features near or at the recently completed playground area.

COUNCIL OPTIONS

1. THAT Council approves any remaining municipal funding provided to the Iron River School Association for their new Playground Project to be used towards additional features near or at the recently completed playground area.
2. THAT Council denies the use of any municipal funding provided to the Iron River School Association for their new Playground Project to be used for any additional project work and furthermore directs Administration to request the balance of unused funds to be returned to the municipality.

Report Approval Details

Document Title:	Iron River School Association - Playground Project Update.docx
Attachments:	- Appendix A - Project Financial Statement.pdf - Appendix B - Pavillion Quotation.pdf
Final Approval Date:	Jun 3, 2024

This report and all of its attachments were approved and signed as outlined below:

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