



Municipal District of Bonnyville No. 87

Request for Decision (RFD)

Meeting: Regular Meeting of Council
Meeting Date: July 9, 2024
Originated By: Greg Sheppard, Manager of Parks and Recreation
Title: Cold Lake First Nations Funding Request

PROPOSAL & BACKGROUND

At the Regular Meeting of Council on June 11, 2024, a delegation was made to Council by the Cold Lake First Nations, Rick Janvier, Treaty 1-11 Gathering Committee Member and Emmy Plante, Treaty 1-11 Gathering Event Coordinator providing information on and requesting support for the Treaties 1-11 August 2024 Gathering Event. Council directed Administration to bring their request back to a future meeting of Council for consideration.

DISCUSSION ON BENEFITS, DISADVANTAGES & OPTIONS

The Treaty 1-11 Gathering event takes place from August 26 to 30 at the Cold Lake First Nations English Bay Treaty Grounds near Cold Lake, Alberta. It is a momentous event held in Alberta each year with over 3,000 attendees. The Gathering event will feature a series of engaging activities, traditional ceremonies, and discussions that highlight the rich heritage of the participating nations. The Gathering Event Committee is requesting sponsorship to help cover the costs associated with organizing this significant gathering. A similar delegation request was made to the City of Cold Lake where they committed to a \$10,000 sponsorship.

Attached for Council's review:

- Appendix A: Treaties 1–11 Gathering Sponsorship Letter
- Appendix B: Treaty 1-11 Gathering Tentative Agenda
- Appendix C: 2024 Sponsorship Level Options and Commitment Form
- Appendix D: Policy C-2A.003 Donation, Sponsorship, and Recognition Policy

REFERENCE TO STRATEGIC PLAN

Goal 1: Building a Prosperous and Sustainable Community

REFERENCE TO PROVINCIAL/FEDERAL LEGISLATION

n/a

COSTS & SOURCE OF FUNDING

Costs: Sponsorship opportunities range from \$1,000 to \$50,000

2024 Operating Budget Source of Funding options:

- Community Action Grant/Donations, Sponsorship and Recognition Policy Budget (Community Services dept): approximate \$50,000 remaining balance

COMMUNICATIONS STRATEGY

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

ADMINISTRATION RECOMMENDED ACTION

THAT Council approves a contribution in the amount of \$2,000 as per Policy C-2A.003 Donation, Sponsorship, and Recognition Policy towards the Treaties 1-11 Gathering Event to be held August 26 – 30, 2024 as requested by Cold Lake First Nations to be funded from the 2024 Operating Budget.

COUNCIL OPTIONS

1. THAT Council approves a contribution in the amount of \$2,000 as per Policy C-2A.003 Donation, Sponsorship, and Recognition Policy towards the Treaties 1-11 Gathering Event to be held August 26 – 30, 2024 as requested by Cold Lake First Nations to be funded from the 2024 Operating Budget.
2. THAT Council approves a contribution in the amount of _____ towards the Treaties 1-11 Gathering Event to be held August 26 – 30, 2024 as requested by Cold Lake First Nations to be funded from _____.
3. THAT Council accepts the request by Cold Lake First Nations for support of the Treaties 1-11 Gathering Event to be held August 26 – 30, 2024 as information.

Report Approval Details

Document Title:	Cold Lake First Nations Funding Request.docx
Attachments:	- APPENDIX A.pdf - APPENDIX B.pdf - APPENDIX C.pdf - APPENDIX D.pdf
Final Approval Date:	Jul 3, 2024

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

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