

# Municipal District of Bonnyville No. 87

## Request for Decision (RFD)

**Meeting:** Regular Meeting of Council  
**Meeting Date:** June 10, 2025  
**Originated By:** Stephanie Severin, Manager of Legislative and Information Services  
**Title:** Alberta Bilingual Municipalities Association – Annual Membership Update

### **PROPOSAL & BACKGROUND**

In March 2025, the Alberta Bilingual Municipalities Association (ABMA) reached out to the M.D. of Bonnyville with a proposal to implement annual membership fees and have requested feedback from participating municipalities.

At the April 8, 2025 Regular Meeting of Council, Administration was directed to respond to the proposal requesting more clarity with respect to the proposed fee structure and benefits to members. On May 26, 2025 the M.D. received a response from the ABMA with additional information.

### **DISCUSSION ON BENEFITS, DISADVANTAGES & OPTIONS**

The Alberta Bilingual Municipalities Association (ABMA) decided at their February 15, 2025 Association meeting, to present a proposal of introducing annual membership fees, believing that this will reflect a strong commitment from its members and act as a significant measure of involvement in the grant application process. These fees will expand ABMA initiatives, providing more resources for members.

The annual membership fees proposed by the ABMA are included in the letter attached as Appendix A. The annual fee that would be applicable to the M.D. is the 'Municipal Districts/Counties' fee which is \$1,100.

The M.D. has been a member of the ABMA since 2020 and has 1 representative position on the Board, with the current appointment being Deputy Reeve Skarsen and Reeve Kalinski (*alternate*) for a 4-year term expiring October 2025.

Attached for Council's reference:

- Appendix A: ABMA Response Letter to the M.D.
- Appendix B: Initial Membership Fee Proposal Letter

### **REFERENCE TO STRATEGIC PLAN**

Building a viable and diversified regional economy

### **REFERENCE TO PROVINCIAL/FEDERAL LEGISLATION**

N/A

## **COSTS & SOURCE OF FUNDING**

No cost implications at this time.

## **COMMUNICATIONS STRATEGY**

Administration will respond to the ABMA with Council's feedback on the proposed implementation of annual fees.

## **ADMINISTRATION RECOMMENDED ACTION**

THAT Council directs Administration to respond to the Alberta Bilingual Municipalities Association's proposal for implementing annual membership fees as in [favor/opposition] of the proposal providing the following reason(s): \_\_\_\_\_.

## **COUNCIL OPTIONS**

1. THAT Council directs Administration to respond to the Alberta Bilingual Municipalities Association's proposal for implementing annual membership fees as in [favor/opposition] of the proposal providing the following reason(s): \_\_\_\_\_.
1. THAT Council refers the proposal by the Alberta Bilingual Municipalities Association for implementing annual membership fees back to Administration for additional information regarding \_\_\_\_\_ and to bring it back to a future meeting of Council.

## Report Approval Details

Document Title:	Alberta Bilingual Municipalities Association - Annual Membership Proposal Update.docx
Attachments:	- Appendix A-ABMA May 26 response letter to the MD.docx - Appendix B-Initial ABMA membership fee request and M.D. response.pdf
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This report and all of its attachments were approved and signed as outlined below:

Stephanie Severin