



REQUEST FOR DECISION

SUBJECT:	Grant Requests - Kakwa Sherman Trail Society		
SUBMISSION TO:	REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING	REVIEWED AND APPROVED FOR SUBMISSION	
MEETING DATE:	May 27, 2025	CAO:	MANAGER:
DEPARTMENT:	COMMUNITY SERVICES	DIR: MH	PRESENTER: LL
STRATEGIC PLAN:	Culture, Social & Emergency Services	LEG: SS	

RELEVANT LEGISLATION:

Provincial (cite) –N/A

Council Bylaw/Policy (cite) – Policy 8015, Community Impact Grants

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

MOTION: That Council approve an operating grant in the amount of \$40,000.00 and a capital grant in the amount of \$15,000.00 to the Kakwa Sherman Trail Society for the restoration & maintenance of the historical trails in the Sherman Meadows and Kakwa Wildland areas, with funds to come from the 2025 Community Impact Grants Budget.

BACKGROUND/PROPOSAL:

The Kakwa Sherman Trail Society has applied for a 2025 operating grant of \$68,531.00 to assist with operational expenses incurred during the restoration of historical trails in the Sherman Meadows and Kakwa Wildland areas. In addition, the Society has applied for a 2025 capital grant of \$20,000.00 to assist with the purchase of a new heavy-duty car trailer.

The Kakwa Sherman Trail Society is a not-for-profit organization registered under the Alberta Society's Act that restores and maintains historical trails in the Sherman Meadows and Kakwa areas. Through this work, the society strives to protect the historical and cultural aspects of the trail system while improving recreational opportunities. These trails are accessible to hikers, mountain bikers, and equestrian users.

The Society's core members have a long-standing interest in and history with the area. The Society members have been conducting trail maintenance in the area for years, with all expenses being personally covered.

The Society has divided its plans into different projects due to differing jurisdictions for authorizations and varying grant eligibility.

In 2024 Greenview provided the Society an operating grant in the amount of \$42,067.00 and a capital grant in the amount of \$14,028.00.

The Society is scheduled to present their grant requests at the May 20th Committee of the Whole meeting. Administration is presenting this request outside of the regular grant process due to the timeline of this project.

The balance of the 2025 Community Impact Grants Budget is approximately \$892,944.00.

BENEFITS OF THE RECOMMENDED ACTION:

1. The benefit of Council accepting the recommended motion is that Greenview will be supporting a project that will create recreational and tourism opportunities in the Sherman Meadows and Kakwa Wildland areas.
2. The benefit of Council accepting the recommended motion is that the Kakwa Sherman Trail Society will know the status of the grant applications and can plan accordingly.

DISADVANTAGES OF THE RECOMMENDED ACTION:

The disadvantage to the recommended motion is that Council will be awarding grants outside of the regular grant process.

ALTERNATIVES CONSIDERED:

Alternative #1: Council has the alternative to request the Kakwa Sherman Trail Society grant requests be processed through the regular grant process, however Administration does not recommend this action because it may delay the scheduled projects.

Alternative #2: Council has the alternative to select a capital and operating grant amount of their choosing.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATION:

Direct Costs: \$55,000.00

STAFFING IMPLICATION:

There are no staffing implications to the recommended motion.

PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT LEVEL:

Greenview has adopted the IAP2 Framework for public consultation.

INCREASING LEVEL OF PUBLIC IMPACT

Inform

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION GOAL

Inform - To provide the public with balanced and objective information to assist them in understanding the problem, alternatives, opportunities and/or solutions.

PROMISE TO THE PUBLIC

Inform - We will keep you informed.

FOLLOW UP ACTIONS:

Administration will advise the Kakwa Sherman Trail Society of Council's decision.

ATTACHMENT(S):

- 2025 Capital Grant Request
- 2025 Operating Grant Request