



REQUEST FOR DECISION

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| SUBJECT: | Grant Request- Mountain Métis Community Association | | |
| SUBMISSION TO: | REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING | REVIEWED AND APPROVED FOR SUBMISSION | |
| MEETING DATE: | July 8, 2025 | CAO: | MANAGER: |
| DEPARTMENT: | COMMUNITY SERVICES | DIR: | PRESENTER: LL |
| STRATEGIC PLAN: | Culture, Social & Emergency Services | LEG: | |

RELEVANT LEGISLATION:

Provincial (cite) –N/A

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

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

MOTION: That Council take no action to the capital grant request from the Mountain Métis Community Association.

BACKGROUND/PROPOSAL:

The Mountain Métis Community Association have requested a capital grant in the amount of \$1,000,000.00 for construction of the new Mountain Métis Community Centre in Grande Cache.

The Mountain Métis Community Association is building a new Community Centre in Grande Cache, Alberta. This new Centre will improve the quality of life for the Indigenous population through increased services and youth programs, provide access to historical and cultural information, land and resource consultation with the ability to host local and regional cultural events.

A representative from the Mountain Métis Community Association presented the grant request to Committee of the Whole on April 15, 2025 where additional information was requested by Committee of the Whole. Additional information has been provided to Council as requested, including a budget for the construction of the Community Centre, a funding plan and building seating map. The request was presented and discussed at Committee of the Whole in May and presented and deferred at the June 10th Council meeting.

The estimated total cost of the project is \$10,590,000.00 + GST. If grant requests are unsuccessful, \$6,572,202.11 will be needed to complete the project; if successful, the remaining requirement is \$2,572,202.11. The Mountain Métis Community Association has applied for several grants and continue to seek donations and fundraise.

Administration recommends that, if Council chooses to award a capital grant to the Mountain Métis Community Association, it be contingent upon the Association securing the remaining required funding, and

that the grant be allocated from the Unrestricted Reserve, which currently has an uncommitted balance of \$11,400,000.00.

The Mountain Métis Community Association was awarded a 2025 operating grant in the amount of \$40,000.00 for the youth connections program.

The balance of the 2025 Community Impact Grants budget is \$21,052.76.

BENEFITS OF THE RECOMMENDED ACTION:

1. The benefit of Council accepting the recommended motion is that the Community Impact Grants total will not exceed the 2025 budgeted amount.
2. The benefit of Council accepting the recommended motion is that Council will be adhering to the Community Impact Grants Policy.

DISADVANTAGES OF THE RECOMMENDED ACTION:

1. The disadvantage to the recommended motion is that Council will not be supporting a non-profit organization's community initiative in the Grande Cache area.

ALTERNATIVES CONSIDERED:

Alternative #1: Council has the alternative to award a capital grant in an amount of their choosing, however Administration does not recommend this action because it would exceed the 2025 Community Impact Grants budget and could exceed the cap amount of \$100,000.00 as outlined in the Community Impact Grants Policy. If Council considers funding the request, Administration recommends it be contingent on securing the remaining funds.

Alternative Motion:

That Council direct Administration to enter into a capital funding agreement with the Mountain Métis Community Association in the amount of \$_____, contingent on securing the remaining funds, for construction of the Mountain Métis Community Centre project in Grande Cache, with funds to come from the unrestricted reserve.

Alternative #2: Council has the alternative to defer the request to the 2026 budget discussions.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATION:

There are no financial implications to the recommended motion.

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

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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 Mountain Métis Community Association of Council's decision.

ATTACHMENT(S):

- Grant Application