



REQUEST FOR DECISION

SUBJECT:	Tri-Municipal Nitehawk Funding Agreement		
SUBMISSION TO:	REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING	REVIEWED AND APPROVED FOR SUBMISSION	
MEETING DATE:	July 22, 2025	CAO:	MANAGER:
DEPARTMENT:	COMMUNITY SERVICES	DIR: MH	PRESENTER: MH
STRATEGIC PLAN:	Governance	LEG: SS	

RELEVANT LEGISLATION:

Provincial (cite) – N/A

Council Bylaw/Policy (cite) – N/A

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

MOTION: That Council direct Administration to enter into the Tri-Municipal Funding Framework for Nitehawk Year-Round Adventure Park, for a three-year term with funds to come from the Community Service Grants budget annually.

BACKGROUND/PROPOSAL:

Nitehawk Year-Round Adventure Park ("the Park") is a regional recreational facility that serves residents from the City of Grande Prairie, the County of Grande Prairie No. 1, and the Municipal District of Greenview No. 16. Operated by the Grande Prairie Ski Club, a non-profit organization, the Park offers a variety of year-round outdoor recreational activities that contribute to the region's quality of life and the tourism sector.

Historically, the funding practice has involved Greenview contributing 50% of the funding, with the City and County each contributing 25% towards operational and capital requests. However, there is no formal agreement in place requiring such cost-sharing.

Recognizing the Park's importance, the three municipalities have negotiated a funding framework to provide financial support for the Park's operating needs. The proposed framework establishes a collaborative cost-sharing approach for funding requests submitted by the Park's operator. The baseline amount is \$300,000 starting in 2025, with a 2% annual increase built into the agreement's term.

The Tri-Municipal Nitehawk Funding Agreement outlines the following key components:

1. **Term:** The agreement is intended to be in place for a three-year period beginning 2025.
2. **Operating Funding Contributions:**
 - City of Grande Prairie: Up to 25% of the total annual operating funding request.
 - County of Grande Prairie No. 1: Up to 25% of the total annual operating funding request.
 - MD of Greenview No. 16: Up to 50% of the total annual operating funding request.

3. Capital Funding Contributions:

- The Park operator must submit detailed annual capital funding requests.
- Each municipality will review and determine contributions at its discretion. However, the CAO and elected officials will review the overall requests annually.

4. Emergency Funding Requests:

- The Park operator may submit additional funding requests in case of emergency circumstances.
- Each municipality will consider such requests independently.

5. Annual Reporting and Transparency:

- The Park operator must submit detailed annual financial and operational reports.
- Each municipality will disclose all funding requests received to the other partners.

6. Termination:

- Any party may terminate the agreement with 90 days' written notice.

BENEFITS OF THE RECOMMENDED ACTION:

1. The benefit of Council accepting the recommended motion is that Greenvue will have a funding agreement with the County of Grande Prairie and the City of Grande Prairie and Nitehawk that clearly outlines the operational funding expectations for each municipality and acknowledges that the capital requests are not subject to the same formula.

DISADVANTAGES OF THE RECOMMENDED ACTION:

1. The disadvantage of the recommended action is that the funding agreement potentially commits Council to a set operating contribution to Nitehawk for the next three years.

ALTERNATIVES CONSIDERED:

Alternative #1: Council has the alternative not to enter into the agreement and continue to grant funding to Nitehawk annually without a set breakdown agreed to by all three municipalities. Administration does not recommend this action because the formula in the agreement has been informally used for the operational grant funding for Nitehawk. The approval of this agreement formalizes the historical practice and ensures that all municipalities contribute to the operational funding for Nitehawk.

ALTERNATIVE MOTION: That Council take no action regarding the Tri-Municipal Funding Framework for Nitehawk Year-Round Adventure Park.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATION:

Direct Costs: The operational grant is based on half of Nitehawk's funding request, which is \$150,000 for Greenvue for 2025.

Ongoing / Future Costs: The formula outlined in the agreement is up to 50% of the operational ask from Nitehawk for three years with a 2% increase annually.

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:

Once a decision is made, Administration will follow up with the other municipalities, as well as Nitehawk.

ATTACHMENT(S):

- Draft Agreement