

Wheatland County

Request for Decision

Regular Council Meeting

August 18, 2020

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Library Funding Review and Comparison Report

Recommendation from Administration

THAT Council accepts the Library Funding Review and Comparison Report as information

Chief Administrative Officer's Comments

N/A

Report

Division: County-wide

At the June 2, 2020 Council meeting Resolution CM-2020-06-26 stated "Approval that 'Library Funding' be reviewed by Council prior to Wheatland County's 2021 Budget process.'

The Marigold Library System (MLS) is a regional, shared service with 44 other municipalities. Based on the 2020 statistics, 20% of the total County population are library cardholders. The Wheatland County/MLS Agreement was signed in 2005. The agreement provides public library services to County residents and includes a schedule for levy rates collected on a per capita basis. This rate is set at \$10.74/capita for the next two years, expiring December 31, 2021.

In May 2013 Council established a Library Funding Reserve and funding contributions guidelines. The funding model consists of base grants and County resident library cardholders within the MLS. The base grant amount for Carseland and Gleichen libraries is \$8,000 each and Rosebud receives \$2,000. All the libraries receive \$15 per County resident cardholder.

RESOLUTION 13-05-44 **Library Funding**

BLAND MOVED approval that Wheatland County proceed with the following based on the information provided in the request for decision:

- 1) That Wheatland County Administration forward contributions to the following libraries located within Wheatland County, upon receipt of confirmation of the number of cardholders residing within Wheatland County, as indicated below, and:

<u>Library</u>	<u>Base Grant</u>	<u>\$/County Cardholder</u>
Carseland Community Library	\$8,000.00	\$15.00
Gleichen & District Library	8,000.00	15.00
Hussar Municipal Library		15.00
Rockyford & District Municipal Library		15.00
Rosebud Paper Back Deposit	2,000.00	15.00
Standard Municipal Library		15.00
Strathmore Municipal Library		15.00

- 2) That these amounts will be funded from the library reserve set up from the Community Enhancement tax levy, and;
- 3) That these amounts will be used for future years unless changed by resolution of Council.

- Carried.

The Library Funding Reserve is part of the Community Enhancement tax levy. The Library Funding Reserve is the source for the base grants and the cardholder program. In 2020 the Gleichen Library received \$11,925 of County Regional Infrastructure Services Program (CRISP) funding. It should be noted that the County owns the Library, Community Hall and Arena buildings in Gleichen which are operated by non-profit groups.

Staff researched other neighboring Counties to compare library and recreation funding. To provide for a full comparison of the various County funding (CRISP & other), administration included both libraries and recreation facilities. The tables below provide a comparison of funding in five municipalities.

County Comparison Library Funding

Neighboring County	Library System	Library System Funding/Capita	Local Libraries Funding	Total Libraries Funding
Kneehill County	Marigold	\$10.74/capita = \$53,710	None provided	\$53,710
Newell County	Shortgrass	\$10.20/capita = \$76,745	\$11.28/Resident = \$84,830	\$162,327
Rocky View County	Marigold	10.74/capita = \$437,171	\$4/capita in catchment areas = \$162,820	\$599,991
Vulcan County	Chinook Arch	\$8.17/capita = \$32,549	\$133,500	\$166,049
Wheatland County	Marigold	10.74/capita = \$94,383	\$15/cardholder plus base grant amounts = \$44,670	\$150,978
Gleichen Library CRISP* Funds			\$11,925	

* County Regional Infrastructure Services Program Funding 10% of Gleichen amount

Base Grant amounts included in above totals:

- Carseland and Gleichen Library \$8,000 each
- Rosebud Paper Back Deposit \$2,000

County Comparison Recreation Facilities in Hamlets

Neighboring County	Facilities Funded	Totals
Kneehill County	Arena operated by non-profit.	One time repair capital project \$500,000 Yearly \$31,000 for repairs & insurance
Newell County	Funding determine by division Recreation Boards	Total budget \$796,000
Rocky View County	Operated by non-profits. Funding determined by Recreation Governance Committee	Varies
Vulcan County	Hockey Rinks and Swimming Pools in urban municipalities.	50% of operating costs budgets reviewed by both parties
Wheatland County	Operated by non-profits	
Carseland CRISP Funding	Hall, Curling Rink, Ball Diamonds	\$117,122
Gleichen Ag Society CRISP Funding	Arena	\$100,992
Gleichen Community Hall CRISP Funding	Hall	\$12,624

- Gleichen Arena capital improvements this year budget of \$700,000

Relevant Policies, Practices, and Legislation

Province of Alberta Libraries Act, Marigold Library System/Wheatland County Agreement included in supporting documents, CORPORATE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES POLICY SECTION 2.12.17 LIBRARY RESERVE

Alignment with the Strategic Plan

N/A

Response Options

Option 1: THAT the proposed recommendation is accepted/approved.

Option 2: THAT the proposed recommendation is not accepted/approved.

Option 3: THAT an alternate recommendation is accepted/approved.

Implications of Recommendation

General

N/A

Organizational

N/A

Financial

N/A

Environmental, Staff, and Public Safety

N/A

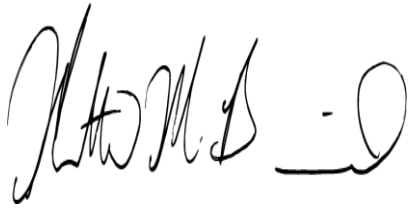
Follow-up Action / Communications

N/A

Report Approval Details

Document Title:	Library and Recreation Funding Review.docx
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This report and all of its attachments were approved and signed as outlined below:

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Matthew Boscarol

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Brian Henderson