

Wheatland County

Request for Decision

Regular Council Meeting

October 20, 2020

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Speargrass Community Association Water Service Funding Request

Recommendation from Administration

THAT Council accepts the letter from Speargrass Community Association dated September 14, 2020 as information and direct Administration to refer the Speargrass Community Association to the Community Enhancement Regional Board Program application process.

Chief Administrative Officer's Comments

N/A

Report

Division: Division 3

The Speargrass Community Association (SCA) submitted the attached letter requesting “in-kind” support for installing a water service on a green space in the Speargrass subdivision (please refer to the supplemental map in the agenda package). The SCA Board has set a budget of \$12,000 for their contribution towards the project, which is subject to membership approval. The total estimated budget for the project is \$36,000.

Relevant Policies, Practices, and Legislation

Council reviewed a similar request last year at the December 3, 2019 Regular Council Meeting. The motion to support the project was defeated. The SCA was encouraged to apply for CERB funding in 2020 but was unsuccessful in its application. The difference in the request this year is that the SCA is offering a portion of the funding subject to a 2021 successful Community Enhancement Regional Board (CERB) grant application. The water service work in this request is normally contracted out by the County and would not be completed in-house.

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

The SCA will have to secure 100% funding for this project.

Organizational

There will be no change in staff workloads.

Financial

Current or future budgets will not be impacted based on the recommendation.

Environmental, Staff, and Public Safety

In response to the “in-kind” request, the Manager of Utilities advised that the Utilities Division does not have the capacity at this time to complete the portion of work that could be done in-kind. If this project were approved, the Manager of Utilities would recommend the project be contracted out for construction.

The Fire Services Division has no safety concerns or need for a waterline for safety. This would be more of a convenience for user of that area. The division also advised that:

- The fire pit is located on a large non-combustible patio and have no concerns regarding its safety when being used without a water supply. The fire pit is designed with a spark arrestor that should be in place when being used. This eliminates the potential for a large spark or ember to travel on to the surrounding grass area starting a fire.
- In the event a fire did start, the division would not want residents attempting to extinguish it with a hose line
- A requirement of the fire pit permit is to have a 5-gallon pal of water on site to extinguish the fire. Having a waterline there would assist with filling a bucket of water instead of the user having to fill it from their house and bringing it to site.

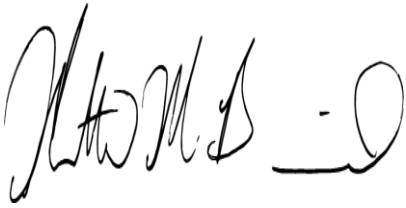
Follow-up Action / Communications

Administration will follow up with the SCA on Council’s decision.

Report Approval Details

Document Title:	Speargrass Community Association Request for Park Water Service Funding.docx
Attachments:	- Speargrass Water Service Funding Request Letter 2020.pdf - Speargrass Green Space location with Fire pit.png
Final Approval Date:	Oct 15, 2020

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