Wheatland County Request for Decision

Regular Council Meeting April 21, 2020

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Playground Equipment Funding Policy Section 3.28

Recommendation from Administration

THAT Council approve the Playground Equipment Funding Policy Section 3.28 as presented in the request for decision.

Chief Administrative Officer's Comments

N/A

Report

The County is committed to quality recreation and expanding opportunities for ratepayers. This policy's main objectives are to ensure responsible utilization of tax dollars and community support for playground equipment projects. The Playground Equipment Funding Policy provides a framework for playground equipment community requests.

Relevant Policies, Practices, and Legislation

Best practices for playground equipment is to ensure that the equipment meets CSA standards; which includes equipment, installation, safety surfacing, and maintenance.

Alignment with the Strategic Plan

Community Service planning in order to ensure that our public spaces are both planned according to our statutory plans and maintained to an appropriate service delivery standard.

Response Options

Option 1: THAT Council accepts/approves the recommendation as proposed.

Option 2: THAT Council does not accept/approve the recommendation as proposed.

Option 3: THAT Council accepts/approves an alternate recommendation of Council's choosing.

Implications of Recommendation

General

Staff will still work with community groups, ratepayers, and experts to identify funding sources and prioritize annual asset replacement.

Organizational

No additional resources are required.

Financial

The financial implications are:

- the capital cost of matching up to 50% of the playground equipment project
- maintenance of the equipment

The maintenance cost would vary depending on a number of factors such as the size, type and the lifecycle of the equipment. These maintenance items include: safety inspections, repairs, maintenance of structure and protective surfacing.

Environmental, Staff, and Public Safety

Public safety is addressed in the policy delivering equipment with CSA standards and proper maintenance after the installation to ensure safety.

Follow-up Action / Communications

Inform community groups of the new policy and any implications arising.

Report Approval Details

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This report and all of its attachments were approved and signed as outlined below:

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