



REQUEST FOR DECISION

MEETING DATE: September 12, 2022

TITLE: Public Delegations - Public Budget Submissions

DIVISION: Corporate Services

SUMMARY:

Each year, residents and community groups have an opportunity to make a public budget submission to the City of Spruce Grove for consideration when developing the corporate plan and for Council to ask any questions for clarification. The formal decision by Council on whether to fund a public budget submission will be made as part of the Corporate Planning process in the fall.

PROPOSED MOTION:

A motion is not required.

BACKGROUND / ANALYSIS:

Each year, residents and community groups have an opportunity to make a public budget submission to the City of Spruce Grove for consideration when developing the corporate plan. Submissions were accepted on the City's website from May 16 - July 29 and during this time six were received. One submission, from the Winter Emergency Response, was pre-approved by Council at the August 22, 2022 Council Meeting as it supports programming that was deliberated at that meeting, and will be included in the 2023-2025 Recommended Corporate Plan to be presented in November.

The remaining five public budget submissions received are being presented at the September 12 Council Meeting to provide members of Council an opportunity to ask questions for clarification.

1. **City Centre Business Association (CCBA):** Requesting \$10,000 to strategically plan marketing campaigns and events to incentivize the public to continue to visit the City Centre during the ongoing construction.
2. **Tri-Community Adult Learning & Literacy Association (TriCALA):** Requesting \$7,800/year for two years (2023/24) for a total of \$15,600. This funding would be used for 36 learning events throughout the Tri Region per year (12 in Spruce Grove) above the learning opportunities already offered by TriCALA.
3. **Men's Sheds for Health:** Requesting support in locating a workshop/gathering place to set up a Shed, which is a modern, shared version of a home workshop. Startup funding of \$20,000 is also requested to add to the \$1,000 grant available from Men's Shed Canada. One focus of this wellness strategy is the intention for community service projects, such as home care ramps, park picnic benches, park benches, and any myriad of opportunities for community service.
4. **Family and Community Twining Society (FACTS); Spruce Grove 12-30 Career, Personal, and Relational Post-Pandemic Network Development:** Requesting \$31,500 to develop the network established by FACTS and use their collaborative networking model to respond to opportunities presented by the Strategic Plan of the City of Spruce Grove.
5. **Skydancer Indigenous Cultural Society:** requesting \$59,404 in 2023 to cover start-up costs and the first year of operation; for years two to five, the request is for \$41,304/year for a total over five years of \$224,620. This funding would be used to create an Indigenous cultural "hub" for the City of Spruce Grove (at Rotary Centennial Park) which will act as an Aboriginal cultural centre and art gallery, a welcoming "gathering place" for residents to learn about and experience Indigenous culture, and a venue for educational programming for Indigenous arts and environmental topics. This cultural hub will also facilitate conversations with local Indigenous and non-Indigenous residents and municipal government regarding needs and potential facilities and programs in Spruce Grove and the Tri-Region.

OPTIONS / ALTERNATIVES:

n/a

CONSULTATION / ENGAGEMENT:

The opportunity to make a public budget submission for consideration in the corporate plan was advertised in the newspaper, through social media, on the reader boards, and the City's website.

IMPLEMENTATION / COMMUNICATION:

These submissions will be reviewed by Administration and provided to Council, along with funding recommendations by Administration, as part of the 2023-2025 Recommended

Corporate Plan and November Committee of the Whole corporate planning deliberations. Council will make the final decision on which public budget submissions will be included as part of the approved 2023-2025 Corporate Plan. Applicants will be notified of the decision made by Council on their request after the 2023-2025 Corporate Plan is formally approved in December 2022.

IMPACTS:

n/a

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

Financial impacts of these public budget submissions will be discussed during the November Committee of the Whole corporate planning deliberations.