



Community School Contribution

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Policy Purpose

To provide a framework for addressing potential community needs through collaborative work with the local School Boards. The County of Grande Prairie may contribute towards the construction costs of a new school or costs associated with the renovation or expansion of existing schools or facilities included in the schools, that could be used by the community.

Policy Statement

The County, from time to time is advised of new schools, renovation or expansion projects to schools that are to be constructed or undertaken within the County or within other municipalities that are contained within the boundaries of the County by School Boards. Those Boards may request that the County consider contributing to an addition to the new or renovated or expanded school for community use.

From time to time, the County is advised of new schools to be constructed or renovations or expansion projects to existing schools within the County or other Municipalities contained within the boundaries of the County school boards. Those school boards may request a contribution from the County toward the new, renovated or expanded school.

Definitions

“County” means the municipality of the County of Grande Prairie No. 1 having jurisdiction under the Municipal Government Act and other applicable legislation.

“Project” means construction of a new school, or expansion or renovation of an existing school which could be used by the community.

Policy Guidelines

1. To be considered for funding support, the proposed new, renovated or expanded school must be located within the boundaries of the County, including schools within the Towns of Sexsmith, Beaverlodge and Wembley if these are serving the County’s students and residents from rural areas.



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2. Upon receiving a notification of a new school construction, renovation or expansion of an existing school, the County may require a Community Needs Assessment carried out to assess the need in advance of making any decision regarding participation in the Project.
3. The Community Needs Assessment may be funded by the County or in partnership with others (i.e.: School Division, community partner).
4. The County may not contribute towards school projects for community purposes when the community portion consists of services that are being duplicated and/or provided by other sources.
5. Should the County agree to participate in the Project, an Advisory Committee consisting of not less than two (2) members of Council, two (2) County Administration staff and any other participants as identified by Council, shall be formed for the purpose of providing input regarding the community portion of the school. The Advisory Committee Terms of Reference shall be developed and approved by Council prior to commencement of the Project. The Committee shall have an advisory role to Council and shall make recommendations to Council as required.
6. Should the County agree to provide a contribution to the community portion of the school, it will be subject to the County and the School Board entering into an agreement as provided for in the Municipal Government Act, RSA 2000, c M-26 and amendments thereto.
7. Should the County agree to the payment of operational costs associated with the community portion of the new, renovated or expanded school, these contributions will be addressed in a separate agreement with the School Board.

Attachments

N/A

References

Legal Authorities	Municipal Government Act, RSA 2000, c M-26
Related Plans, Bylaws, Policies, Etc.	Policy B1 – Policy Development
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