

**Planning & Development Services Report to
Intergovernmental Affairs Committee
2025 December 11**

**ISC: UNRESTRICTED
IGA2025-0981**

Alberta Community Partnership Grant

PURPOSE

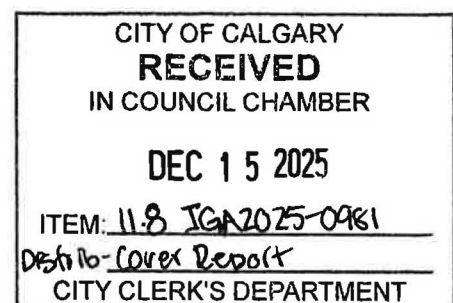
This report seeks Council resolutions supporting two Alberta Community Partnership Grant applications:

1. Application for \$200,000 to fund the update of the Intermunicipal Development Plan and the development of a new Intermunicipal Collaboration Framework with The City of Chestermere.
2. Rocky View County's application for \$200,000 to support the update of the Intermunicipal Development Plan and development of a new Intermunicipal Collaboration Framework with Rocky View County, in which The City of Calgary is listed as a project partner.

Council resolutions are required by 2025 December 23 as per the Alberta Community Partnership Grant guidelines.

PREVIOUS COUNCIL DIRECTION

No previous Council direction.



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RECOMMENDATION(S):

That with respect to IGA2025-0981, the following be approved:

That the Intergovernmental Affairs Committee:

1. Forward this Report to the 2025 December 15 Regular Meeting of Council; and

That the Intergovernmental Affairs Committee recommend that Council:

1. Support the application for grant funds from the Alberta Community Partnership to support the update of the Intermunicipal Development Plan and development of the Intermunicipal Collaboration Framework with The City of Chestermere; and
2. Support the application submitted by Rocky View County for grant funds from the Alberta Community Partnership to support the update of the Intermunicipal Development Plan and development of the Intermunicipal Collaboration Framework with Rocky View County.

RECOMMENDATION OF THE INTERGOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE, 2025 DECEMBER 11:

That Council:

1. Support the application for grant funds from the Alberta Community Partnership to support the update of the Intermunicipal Development Plan and development of the Intermunicipal Collaboration Framework with The City of Chestermere; and
2. Support the application submitted by Rocky View County for grant funds from the Alberta Community Partnership to support the update of the Intermunicipal Development Plan and development of the Intermunicipal Collaboration Framework with Rocky View County.

GENERAL MANAGER COMMENTS

Acting General Manager Thom Mahler concurs with the content and recommendations of this report.

HIGHLIGHTS

- The Alberta Community Partnership grant is an annual provincial program that supports collaboration among Alberta municipalities.
- The City of Calgary must update Intermunicipal Development Plans and establish new Intermunicipal Collaboration Frameworks with adjacent municipalities as per ministerial order.
- To support this work, The City is applying for Alberta Community Partnership funding with the City of Chestermere as the project partner. Concurrently, Rocky View County will submit a separate application listing Calgary as a project partner for related joint initiatives.

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- Alberta Community Partnership Grant applications require a Council resolution from the applicant municipality and all project partners confirming support for the submission.

DISCUSSION

There is a provincial requirement by ministerial order for municipalities who were previously in Growth Management Boards and who share a border to have Intermunicipal Development Plans and Intermunicipal Collaboration Frameworks. This work must be completed by 2027 November 30 (Attachment 1). The City of Calgary has shared municipal boundaries with Rocky View County, Foothills County and The City of Chestermere.

The City of Calgary has three existing Intermunicipal Development Plans (Rocky View County (2012), City of Chestermere (2020) and Foothills County (2017)) and no existing Intermunicipal Collaboration Frameworks. The Intermunicipal Development Plan with Rocky View County and City of Chestermere require updates to align with legislative requirements.

The City has already initiated Intermunicipal Development Plan project update work with The City of Chestermere and Rocky View County. The Intermunicipal Development Plan update with Foothills County will be completed once the Foothills annexation is completed and the impacted lands are within the appropriate municipal jurisdiction. Work has also been started on Intermunicipal Collaboration Frameworks with all three partner municipalities.

To help offset costs of the work The City is applying for an Alberta Community Partnership Grant from the Government of Alberta. Applications require a resolution of support from the applying municipal Council and all project partner municipal Councils by 2025 December 23. The Alberta Community Partnership grant supports regional collaboration projects between municipalities, including shared services and strategic partnerships. Within this program, the Intermunicipal Collaboration Stream provides funding to municipalities for developing or enhancing regional service delivery frameworks, plans, and efficiencies through cooperative efforts.

Municipalities may submit one application annually, with a maximum funding amount of \$200,000 per project. To apply, The Province requires a resolution of Council confirming support for the application.

If approved, the funding would be used to hire a consultant to update the Intermunicipal Development Plan between The City of Calgary and The City of Chestermere and to develop a new Intermunicipal Collaboration Framework. In addition, a second Council resolution is required to support Rocky View County's application, which identifies The City of Calgary as a project partner. If successful, this funding would also be used to hire a consultant to update the Intermunicipal Development Plan between The City of Calgary and Rocky View County and to develop a new Intermunicipal Collaboration Framework.

EXTERNAL ENGAGEMENT AND COMMUNICATION

- Public engagement was undertaken

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- Public/interested parties were informed
- Dialogue with interested parties was undertaken
- Public communication or engagement was not required

IMPLICATIONS

Social

All three of the Intermunicipal Development Plans and Intermunicipal Collaboration Frameworks will strengthen how the regional partner municipalities work together and provide citizens with services.

Environmental

Administration has identified gaps in the current Intermunicipal Development Plans as it relates to environmental considerations including source water protection. Administration intends to address these gaps through Intermunicipal Development Plan updates.

Economic

The Calgary Region's population continues to grow including outside of The City's borders in adjacent municipalities. Intermunicipal Development Plans and Intermunicipal Collaboration Frameworks will help clarify how we collectively grow together while considering the economic impact growth has on The City. This could include the coordination of servicing, land uses, operations, project funding and people and goods movement.

Service and Financial Implications

Existing operating funding - base

No new funding is required, existing City operating funding is sufficient. Securing Alberta Community Partnership funding would reduce the financial contribution for the Intermunicipal Development Plan and Intermunicipal Collaboration Framework projects of the participating municipalities.

If the Alberta Community Partnership Grant Application is successful, The City of Calgary would hold and manage the grant funds for the City of Chestermere projects.

RISK

There is no risk in approving the recommendation. However, Council approvals from partner municipalities for budget to fund their portion of the projects are still required. If budget approvals are not successful there could be an elevated risk of whether there is adequate project funding. This could subsequently set back the relationships with the regional partners.

ATTACHMENT(S)

1. Background and Previous Council Direction
2. Presentation

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