



## CITY OF ST. ALBERT ADMINISTRATIVE BACKGROUNDER

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### **TITLE: STURGEON RIVER WATERSHED ALLIANCE (SRWA) COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP GRANT**

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#### **PURPOSE OF REPORT**

On November 4 , 2019 Councillor Hansen provided notice in accordance with Section 23 of Procedure Bylaw 3/2018 that she intended to bring forward the proposed motion below.

*In order for Council to debate the motion, the motion must be formally moved.*

#### **PROPOSED MOTION(S):**

That the City of St. Albert Council support the application by the Summer Village of Silver Sands for funding to continue the work of the Sturgeon River Watershed Alliance (SRWA) from the Alberta Community Partnership grant program.

#### **ALIGNMENT TO PRIORITIES IN COUNCIL'S STRATEGIC PLAN**

COUNCIL STRATEGIC PRIORITY #6: Environmental Stewardship: Explore innovative environmental and conservation opportunities. Seek innovative practices to protect waterways and green spaces and reduce our environmental footprint, to ensure the vitality of our natural resources for future generations.

#### **ALIGNMENT TO LEVELS OF SERVICE DELIVERY**

Service Name: Environmental Strategy and Policy Development

Service Definition: In partnership with related agencies, environmental strategies, policies and actions are developed to protect the environment.

Service Component: Improvement of the Sturgeon River water quality

Current Service Level: Data is collected, and index created to help monitor the health of Carrot Creek and Sturgeon River. Progress is reported to the community on an annual basis.

## **ALIGNMENT TO COUNCIL DIRECTION OR MANDATORY STATUTORY PROVISION**

On June 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2014 Council passed the following motions:

(C488-2014)

That the Sturgeon River Watershed Alliance Steering Committee Terms of Reference provided as Attachment 1 dated May 23, 2014, be approved.

[http://pbtech.org/clients/stalbert/attch/stalbertcc06232014/06.4\\_SturgeonRiverWatershedAlliance.pdf](http://pbtech.org/clients/stalbert/attch/stalbertcc06232014/06.4_SturgeonRiverWatershedAlliance.pdf)

### **BACKGROUND:**

The Summer Village of Silver Sands has committed to be the sponsoring municipality of the Alberta Community Partnership (ACP) grant program and North Saskatchewan Watershed Alliance to coordinate all studies and consultants on behalf of the Sturgeon River Watershed Alliance. It is a requirement of the ACP grant to have supporting municipalities in the application stage through a motion/resolution.

This is not a request for funding. The motion, if passed, will be attached to the grant application as part of the required criteria as this grant is focussed on municipal collaborations.

#### Additional Grant Details:

The amount requested by the SRWA for the ACP grant is \$235,000. Grant money will be used to support implementation of the Sturgeon River Watershed Management Plan including work in the areas of:

- Policy alignment supported by watershed mapping of flood risk areas, wetlands and environmentally sensitive areas
- Development of riparian and wetland conservation and restoration strategies
- Basin wide watershed monitoring including multi-year water quality monitoring at key locations in the watershed
- Communication and education resources to inform and inspire local and regional action

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