

Mackenzie County

Title	Recreational Capital Projects	Policy No.	ADM041
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Purpose

To establish guidelines for third-party groups that take on the responsibility of initiating and managing a capital project on behalf of Mackenzie County. To provide guidelines to the Recreation Boards for acquisition of capital items.

Policy Statement and Guidelines

Mackenzie County Council strive to provide adequate recreational funding to third party groups who operate and maintain Recreational Facilities in the County, while considering the budget parameters and the financial situation of the County.

APPLICATION PROCESS

- A detailed budget and proposal for projects must be submitted by the Not for Profit Organization grant application deadline.
- Detailed proposals for New or Expansion Capital projects must be submitted in the application in order to be evaluated.

PROJECT APPROVAL

- Council will review all applications received and approve/ deny requests.
- Council must approve any new Capital project over \$5,000 that is proposed for Mackenzie County Property and/or will potentially require operational funding in future years. Council has the authority to approve a project with or without the future operational funding that may be required.
- County contribution, if applicable, will not exceed the approved budget.
- No operating budget will be provided for unauthorized capital projects.

THIRD PARTY GROUP RESPONSIBILITIES (ALL NON-PROFIT)

Once Council has provided the approval for a recreational capital project to proceed, any third party group undertaking the project will have the following obligations:

- The group will submit a future operational plan to Council if Council has approved the project with limitations on operational funding
- Development permits, where applicable, have to be in place before any project may commence.

- No major change in scope of the project will occur unless Council (or designate Committee) has approved the change.
- Monthly project progress updates have to be provided to Mackenzie County.
- At the completion of the project, the group will provide a written completion summary of the project, including all expenditures and copies of invoices supporting these expenditures, a detailed record of donated labour and/or materials and any additional information relevant to the project.

FUNDING

Replacement Capital (Recreation Board's):

- Replacement capital projects are classified as replacement of previously approved capital items to which Mackenzie County already had a previous commitment to acquire or maintain such an asset or program.
- As part of the annual budget process, a review is undertaken with the Recreation Boards to determine their anticipated expenditure needs in this area. The review is based on the 10-year asset worksheet which outlines the items, their useful life and anticipated replacement date. This review will be done on a yearly basis in by the Recreation Societies, and may be in conjunction with the Finance and/or Community Services Committee.
- During the review, each item will be inspected for condition and usefulness and the lists updated and submitted to the County.
- A detailed list of items to be replaced during the budget year must be submitted with the Recreation Society annual budget request.
- Any items that were purchased by or donated to the Recreation Boards must be added to the master 10-year asset lists.

New or Expansion Capital

- New or expansion capital projects are classified as any project that increases the level of service and that is either not currently offered or an add-on to existing facilities.
- Funding is subject to a “matching” funds principle whereby a recreation board will have to raise dollars, and/ or goods and services in order to receive their funding under this policy. The matching criterion is dollar for dollar. Recreation boards can use donated labor (subject to maximum allowable hourly provincial rate) and subject to a maximum of 30% of the total of the matching funds; donated equipment (subject to maximum allowable under Alberta Builder's rate schedule); dollar donations or other grant(s) for the determination of “matching” calculations.
The above "matching" funds information must be provided to Mackenzie County administration for review purposes in order for any funds to be provided under this policy.

- No project may commence without all funding being in place and signed off by Mackenzie County administration.
- In order to maximize budgeting dollars and to keep the boards and communities engaged; matching funds projects will be given greater consideration during the budgeting process.
- In the event a recreation board **cannot** raise the matching component for a project, the board can come forward for Council consideration, with a request for additional funding. As part of the request, the board must provide written evidence that reasonable attempts have been made to secure funding from applicable grant funding organizations. Council may also request to have all aspects of the fund raising process be outlined in detail. Council will have the final decision making say in the determination of providing, if any, additional funding to the recreation board.
- Once a project is approved by Council, the Non-Profit Organization must notify the County of the commencement date prior to start and must submit regular detailed progress reports to County Administration.
- At the completion of the project, the group will provide a written completion summary of the project, including all expenditures and copies of invoices supporting these expenditures, a detailed record of donated labour and/or materials and any additional information relevant to the project.

EMERGENCY REPAIRS

In this policy,

- “Emergency” means an occurrence or situation which could jeopardize the immediate safety, health or welfare of people or the protection of property in the municipality.
- It is understood that such an occurrence or situation could not have been reasonably predicted or anticipated.
- The recreation board is responsible for budgeting for items taking into consideration preventative maintenance to avoid foreseeable breakdowns.
- Recreation boards may decide to reallocate funds from a replacement project with Council (or designate Committee) approval prior to requesting for emergent funds above the current budget.
- A recreation board may then request funds if an emergency occurs and there are insufficient funds in their current budget to cover the expenditure(s).

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