

Request for Decision

Title	Rivière Qui Barre Agricultural Society Request for Funding for Community Centre Renovation
Proposed Motion	That Council provide funding in the amount of \$325,000 from the General Operating Reserve to the Rivière Qui Barre Agricultural Society in support of the Rivière Qui Barre Community Centre renovation.
Administrative Recommendation	Administration recommends that Council approve the Rivière Qui Barre (RQB) Agricultural Society's funding request.
Previous Council / Committee Direction	<p><u>December 13, 2022 Committee of the Whole Meeting</u> Motion 114/22: That the Committee accept the Sturgeon County Recreation Funding Update as information.</p> <p><u>July 12, 2022 Regular Council Meeting</u> Motion 284/22: That Council refer the Rivière Qui Barre Agricultural Society's request for \$325,000 to support Phase 2 of the renovations to the Rivière Qui Barre Community Centre for 2023 Budget deliberations.</p> <p><u>February 14, 2017 Regular Council Meeting</u> Motion 059/17: That Council approve a \$100,000 allocation to the Rivière Qui Barre Agricultural Society Arena Renovation project funded from the Contingency Reserve.</p>
Report	<p><u>Background Information</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Rivière Qui Barre (RQB) Agricultural Society presented a funding request to Council at the July 12, 2022 Council meeting. At that meeting, Council referred the request to the 2023 Budget deliberations. During the 2022 Budget deliberations, Council requested that Administration provide additional information on recreational funding within the County. An update was provided at the December 13, 2022 Committee of the Whole meeting. The RQB Agricultural Society obtained a portion of the former Camilla School that is attached to the Arena, which includes the gymnasium and four classrooms. The RQB Community Centre will be a multi-purpose facility used for a variety of community events, programming, and sporting activities for County residents and those of surrounding municipalities.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Phase 1 renovations are underway and being funded through RQB Agricultural Society funds and 2020 and 2021 Community Enhancement grant program funding. Phase 2 projects include refurbishment of washrooms, change rooms, the coatroom, storage, janitorial, and office areas at a cost of \$442,600 (see Attachment 1). Between 2017 - 2022, Sturgeon County has provided a total of \$510,000 in funding to the RQB Agricultural Society (\$169,000 in operating grants and \$341,000 in capital grants). The RQB Agricultural Society has applied for a Community Facility Enhancement Program (CFEP) grant in the amount of \$125,000 to support the project. They expect a decision on their application by March 2023. <p><u>External Communication</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Administration will advise the RQB Agricultural Society of Council's decision. Should Council approve funding, Administration will coordinate appropriate public communication advising of Sturgeon County's financial contribution to the project. <p><u>Relevant Policy/Legislation/Practices</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> in 2023, the County will be developing funding alternatives for Council consideration regarding community-based facilities within the County.
Implication of Administrative Recommendation	<p><u>Strategic Alignment</u></p> <p>Thriving Communities – Supporting the project is consistent with providing residents with recreational and cultural facilities.</p> <p>Collaborative Governance – Support for this project recognizes the importance of partnering with volunteer groups working to enhance their communities.</p> <p><u>Financial</u></p> <p>The funding for this project will be provided through the General Operating Reserve, and therefore there will be no impact to the 2023 municipal tax rate.</p> <p>Additional requests for future phases of the project may come forward in future years.</p>
Alternatives Considered	Council could choose not to support the funding request or provide a smaller financial contribution.
Implications of Alternatives	A smaller contribution may not allow the project to move forward, as the RQB Agricultural Society has indicated that they will not proceed until they have all the funding required to complete Phase 2 of the project. The Agricultural Society would have the option of applying for a further CFEP grant depending on the decision on their current application.

Follow up Action	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Inform RQB Agricultural Society of Council's decision (Family & Community Support Services, Q1 2023). 2. Develop funding agreement (Family & Community Support Services, Q1 2023)
Attachment(s)	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Attachment 1: Phase 2 Cost Estimates 2. Attachment 2: Renovation Phases
Report Reviewed by:	<p>Tim Osborne, Manager, Family & Community Support Services</p> <p>Christine Wells, Director, Community Services</p> <p>Andrew Hayes, General Manager, Financial Services & Chief Financial Officer</p> <p>Reegan McCullough, County Commissioner - CAO</p>

Strategic Alignment Checklist

Vision: *Offering a rich tapestry of historical, cultural, and natural experiences, Sturgeon County is a municipality that honours its rural roots and cultivates desirable communities. Uniquely situated to provide world-class agricultural, energy, and business investment opportunities, the County prioritizes responsible stewardship and dreaming big.*

Guiding Principles: Collaboration | Accountability | Flexibility | Excellence | Safety | Future Readiness | Affordability | Innovation

Community Outcome	Not consistent	Consistent	N/A
Planned Growth			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Internationally competitive to attract, grow and sustain diverse businesses; tenacious focus on new growth and innovation 	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Modern broadband and digital capabilities 	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Low cost, minimal red-tape regulations 	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reliable and effective infrastructure planning; comprehensive land use and infrastructure planning 	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Thriving Communities			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Beautiful, surprising places with high standards; integrated natural spaces & trail systems; healthy and resilient 	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Engaging cultural, historical, and civic amenities; strong community identity and pride 	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Safe, welcoming, and diverse communities; small community feel and personal connection; commitment to high quality of life 	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Environmental Stewardship			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Clean air, land, and water; Carbon neutral municipal practices; circular economy opportunities 	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Conservation of natural areas and agricultural lands; enhanced greening and biodiversity; safekeeping ecosystems 	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sustainable development; partnerships with industry and others to drive emission reductions 	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Collaborative Governance			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Predictable and stable external relationships; volunteer partnerships 	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Meaningful connections with Indigenous communities 	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ongoing community consultation and engagement; transparent and action-oriented decision making based on sound rationale 	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Respectful and informed debate; clear and supportive governance processes 	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Operational Excellence			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Engaged and effective people – Council, Admin and Volunteers; continuous learning and improvement mindset; nimble and bold, with strong leadership 	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Quality cost-effective service delivery; robust procurement and operational practices and policies; asset management and performance measurement; careful debt and reserve stewardship; long-term financial planning and sustainability 	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Future focused thinking to proactively respond to emerging opportunities and challenges 	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Alternative revenue generation and service delivery models integrated strategic and business planning 	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>