



Village Of Chase *Administrative Report*

TO: Mayor and Council
FROM: CAO
DATE: September 9, 2014
RE: FCM Pilot Project
First Nations-Municipal Community Infrastructure Partnership Program

ISSUE/PURPOSE

To obtain approval from Council to participate with Adams Lake Indian Band in FCM's First Nations-Municipal Community Infrastructure Partnership Program.

OPTIONS

- 1. Approve the Village's participation with the Adams Lake Indian Band on another phase of the CIPP.**
- 2. Do not approve the Village's participation at this time.**

HISTORY/BACKGROUND

FCM has announced a call for applications to select six First Nation–municipal pairs to participate in the [Community Infrastructure Partnership Program](#) for two years (2014-2016). To reach the goal of signed service agreements by April 2016, these communities will benefit from:

- Opportunities to better understand each other's service agreement needs, as well as governance structures, social customs, and cultural practices.
- Access to capacity-building tools and resources, including a service agreement tool kit, sample agreements, and dedicated webinars.
- Two facilitated face-to-face partnership training workshops focused on service agreement development.
- Follow-up support to assist community-appointed political and technical representatives in developing draft agreements.
- Peer mentoring and access to volunteer experts to help build capacity for First Nation–municipal collaboration on service agreements, based on communities' needs.
- Participation in learning and sharing opportunities on successful infrastructure partnerships between First Nations and municipalities, and serving as a positive example for others.

Preference will be given to:

- Communities focused on water and wastewater service agreements.
- Community pairs that can demonstrate an existing working relationship, for example existing friendship or communications agreements.
- Joint applications; however, a First Nation or municipality may apply on their own.
- Community pairs committed to building a long-term relationship with each other.

DISCUSSION

Village Council has discussed working with Adams Lake Indian Band in several service areas including wastewater services and mutual aid for fire services. Other areas of interest have been raised by both parties including garbage collection service and animal control.

If selected, ALIB and the Village will have access to resources offered by FCM to ensure selected service agreements are drafted with both parties' interests protected. Additionally, having FCM's facilitation and other resources available will help both communities to continue supporting the positive working relationship already being nurtured.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Any facilitations will be at the cost of FCM – Village Administration's time will be required in the negotiations and development of service agreements.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

The Village of Chase and Adams Lake Indian Band have taken many positive steps to foster a positive working relationship between both communities. Much work is still required, and getting assistance from FCM will almost certainly move service partnership development along more quickly.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council agrees to participate with Adams Lake Indian Band to jointly apply for participation in a two year Community Infrastructure Partnership Program facilitated by FCM, to develop appropriate joint service agreements.

Respectfully submitted,

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