



## **COUNCIL – AGENDA REPORT**

**Meeting Date:** 3 December 2024

**Subject:** Alberta Community Partnership Grant with the Town of Cochrane

**Directorate:** Strategic Growth and Investment

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### **Issue:**

Council is being asked to endorse the application by the Town of Cochrane to the Alberta Community Partnership-Intermunicipal Collaboration grant to fund a feasibility study for the development of a Waste to Energy Facility.

### **Policy / Council Direction:**

This is in alignment with the Council Focus Area of Environmental Protection.

### **Background:**

The Town of Cochrane has been exploring waste-to-energy (WtE) solutions over the past 18 months and is now prepared to conduct a feasibility study. This WtE project aims to evaluate the potential for a regional approach to sustainable waste management and energy generation. The initiative will assess the technical, economic and environmental feasibility of converting waste materials into energy, thereby reducing landfill usage, lowering greenhouse gas emissions and creating a renewable energy source. Furthermore, the project seeks to potentially promote inter-municipal collaboration by sharing resources, infrastructure and services, thereby enhancing regional cooperation and delivering long-term environmental and economic benefits to the involved communities.

Airdrie has an opportunity to collaborate with Cochrane on this study to further our understanding of what a WtE project consists of and how it could benefit the City of Airdrie in the regional context. It is understood by Cochrane that Airdrie is not committing exclusively to any WtE project.

To support this endeavor, the Town of Cochrane will apply for a \$200,000 grant from the Alberta Communities Partnership-Intermunicipal Collaboration (ACP-IC) program to fund the feasibility study for the development of a Waste-to-Energy Facility. Cochrane will serve as the managing partner with the City of Airdrie as the proposed grant partner. Airdrie will have no

other obligations except help get the grant funding for Cochrane. The grant application must include a council resolution from each participating municipality in support of the project.

**Council Committee Routed Through:**

N/A

**Administration Recommendation:**

That Council endorses the application by the Town of Cochrane to the Alberta Community Partnership-Intermunicipal Collaboration grant to fund a feasibility study for the development of a Waste to Energy Facility.

**Alternatives/Implications:**

Council could choose to not endorse the grant application and provide Administration with further direction.

Implications: The Town of Cochrane completes the feasibility study without the benefit of funding from the Alberta Community Partnership-Intermunicipal Collaboration grant. Opportunities to partner in the future on waste management solutions will still be possible.

**Budget Implications:**

No funding is required from the City of Airdrie only an endorsement by resolution.

**Communications and Engagement:**

There is no external or public communication to be conducted, regardless of Council's decision. Council's decision will be communicated to the Intergovernmental representatives at the Town of Cochrane.

The Waste and Recycling Team has been informed of Airdrie's intent to endorse the grant for Cochrane and that the City is not entering into any agreement for a waste to energy solution.

**Recommendation:**

That Council endorses the application by the Town of Cochrane for the Alberta Community Partnership-Intermunicipal Collaboration grant to fund a feasibility study for the development of a Waste to Energy Facility.

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