



COUNCIL – AGENDA REPORT

Meeting Date:	21 April 2026
Subject:	City of Airdrie–Rocky View County Intermunicipal Collaboration Framework (ICF) Agreement
Directorate:	Strategic Growth and Investment

Issue:

Council is being asked to consider and approve the City of Airdrie–Rocky View County Intermunicipal Collaboration Framework (ICF) Agreement, which establishes a formal framework governing existing and future shared services between the two municipalities in accordance with the Municipal Government Act.

Policy / Council Direction:

The *Municipal Government Act* (MGA) requires municipalities that share a common boundary and are not members of a regional services commission, to adopt an Intermunicipal Collaboration Framework by November 30, 2027. While the City of Airdrie and Rocky View County previously relied on the Calgary Metropolitan Region Board (CMRB) servicing framework, the wind-down of the CMRB necessitated the negotiation and approval of a standalone ICF.

The proposed ICF aligns with Council’s commitment to effective intermunicipal collaboration, fiscal responsibility, and coordinated regional service delivery.

Background:

The City of Airdrie and Rocky View County share a long-standing intermunicipal relationship and have historically collaborated on a range of services including fire protection, recreation, and solid waste.

In 2024, both municipalities approved a Master Shared Servicing Agreement (MSSA), which was designed to mirror the intent of an Intermunicipal Collaboration Framework. The MSSA has successfully governed existing shared services and provided a process for identifying and developing new service agreements, including the initiation of a capital cost-sharing agreement for the Southwest Recreation Centre in December 2025.

Following a joint administrative review, several amendments were identified to ensure full compliance with MGA requirements for an ICF. These amendments are reflected in the proposed ICF and include:

- explicit identification of mandatory service areas;
- updated schedules cataloguing existing and potential shared services; and
- a strengthened dispute resolution mechanism, including arbitration provisions.

Council Committee Routed Through:

The proposed Intermunicipal Collaboration Framework was reviewed by the City of Airdrie / Rocky View County Intermunicipal Committee on March 13, 2026. The IMC recommended that Administration present the updated agreement to their respective Councils for approval.

Administration Recommendation:

That Council approves the City of Airdrie–Rocky View County Intermunicipal Collaboration Framework as presented.

Approval of the ICF will:

- ensure legislative compliance with the *Municipal Government Act*;
- formalize governance of existing shared service agreements;
- establish a clear process for identifying and developing future intermunicipal services; and
- provide a structured, legislated dispute resolution process.

Upon approval by both Councils, the agreement will come into full force and effect.

Alternatives/Implications:

1. Council could choose to not approve the Intermunicipal Collaboration Framework.
 - This would place the City at risk of non-compliance with the *Municipal Government Act*.
 - Existing intermunicipal relationships may lack a formal governance framework.
 - Dispute resolution mechanisms would remain limited or informal.
2. Council could choose to direct Administration to renegotiate elements of the agreement.
 - This may delay legislative compliance and require further negotiations with Rocky View County.
 - Additional administrative and legal resources may be required.

Budget Implications:

There are no direct budget implications associated with approval of the Intermunicipal Collaboration Framework. Existing and future service agreements governed by the ICF will

be brought forward to Council individually with full budget and financial implications for approval as required.

Communications and Engagement:

If approved, Administration will:

- Notify Rocky View County of Council’s approval;
- Execute the agreement following approval by both municipalities; and
- Communicate the adoption of the ICF through established intermunicipal and internal channels as appropriate.

Recommendation:

That Council approves the City of Airdrie–Rocky View County Intermunicipal Collaboration Framework Agreement, as presented.

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Attachments:	#1: COA-RVC Intermunicipal Collaborative Framework