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M.D. and Cold Lake partner on sponsorship grant

M.D. defers Event Centre invite

The Municipal District of Bonnyville Council agreed to partner with Cold Lake on a Municipal Sponsorship Grant to complete the Iron Horse Trail Staging Area in the City. But M.D. Council temporarily declined an offer to sit on the steering committee for Cold Lake's new Event Centre.

M.D. Council agreed to contribute \$6,023.50 towards the City's application for a Municipal Sponsorship Grant to complete facilities at Cold Lake's Iron Horse Trail staging area. Partnering on the grant enables the City to access an additional \$44,194.58 for the project as it can take advantage of bonus funding. The M.D. is also partnering with the Town of Bonnyville on two reciprocal Sponsorship Grants in order to purchase two new ambulances.

M.D. Council agreed to hold off on joining the Event Centre Committee until the City of Cold Lake and the province receives George Cuff's report on the state of the City. Council pointed out that the committee the M.D. is being asked to join is not a planning committee, but rather a steering committee.

Council would like to have some input into the planning process, such as where the arena will be built, if the Cold Lake South arena should be sold, how big a possible new arena should be, and whether or not existing facilities could be renovated.

The committee, as it stands now, would be made up of three City of Cold Lake councillors, two City of Cold Lake recreation staff and one member from M.D. Council. Council said it would like see more members on the committee from the M.D. for a more balanced approach to the facility's planning process.

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