

**Strathcona County – Request for Support****Report Purpose**

To discuss support for Bruderheim's grant application for their arena ice plant.

**Recommendation**

THAT Strathcona County's participation in the grant application to the Alberta Community Partnership Program to request regional partnership funding for the replacement of the ice plant in the Town of Bruderheim arena, be approved.

**Council History**

November 14, 2014 – a letter of support was signed by Mayor Carr and sent to Municipal Affairs to seek grant funding.

**Strategic Plan Priority Areas**

**Economy:** n/a

**Governance:** Cooperation and partnership with neighbouring governments

**Social:** Supporting a healthy and active community

**Culture:** n/a

**Environment:** n/a

**Other Impacts**

**Policy:** n/a

**Legislative/Legal:** n/a

**Interdepartmental:** n/a

**Summary**

A failing ice plant at the Bruderheim Arena, one of the town's most vital facilities, is compromising the ability to support community groups and enhance infrastructure and programming.

As a small community of nearly 1,350 residents facing growth and economic change within Alberta's Capital Region, resources are stretched too thin to meet the \$475,000 capital cost for a new ice plant. The arena has been forced to shut down several times as the ice began to melt, affecting organized hockey, other essential programming as well as community group activities and events.

Through the Alberta Community Partnership Program, the Town of Bruderheim has an opportunity to apply for an Intermunicipal Collaboration Grant for funding for the arena and requires a resolution from Strathcona County Council for support. Strathcona County residents have used the Bruderheim Arena for ice time for the Sherwood Park Minor Hockey Association and both Men's and Ladies Hockey Leagues. As a partner in the region, Strathcona County is invested in the town's ability to maintain the arena and provide a venue for recreation and inspiration for the community.

**Enclosure**

1 2016 letter of support for Bruderheim Area Ice Plant