

Motion following Notice of Motion

Community Hub Development

THAT Administration initiate, as soon as possible, through both the north and south rural offices, the development of a community-driven network and mechanism for community leagues and groups to participate and share resources through regularly scheduled meetings and provision of a central collaborative space; and that Administration provide support to develop a consistent approach and structure for the resource sharing and collaborative network.

Background

On May 17, 2016 Council received a Community Hall Sustainability Strategy Update from our administration and an update on the public consultations given by our consultants (Calder Bateman) to support this project.

One of the key themes arising from these consultations and "What We Heard" report was the need to strengthen community associations and improve communications. One of the key suggested improvements was to create a common "hub" as a way to share information across associations. This could be accomplished through regular meetings, online resources, publications and best practises materials.

There is a need to strengthen and help sustain community associations by providing supports to their executives, members and volunteers. There needs to be opportunities for these Associations to connect, share ideas and problem solve together. Whether that is an annually hosted event and/or connections with other support organizations such as IVC and the Library, greater formal recognition by the county to support their efforts is needed. This "Community Hub" concept would provide a resource for the "go to" person for all inquiries and service requests which would help Associations focus on quality of life programming.

On May 24, 2016 Councillor Riddell served the above Notice of Motion to be presented for debate and vote at the June 7, 2016 Council Meeting