

Request for Decision



To: Regular Meeting
From: **Corporate Services**
Date: October 22, 2018
Subject: RDKB – Aquatic Center Requisition Increase
Recommendation: **THAT Council discusses the proposed increase for the Aquatic Center service and defers the item to the Committee of the Whole meeting on December 10, 2018 for discussion with RDKB representatives.**

Background

The RDKB has asked the City to consent to RDKB Bylaw No 1682, an amendment to increase the maximum requisition amount from \$625,000 to \$781,250 for the Aquatic Center Service.

This is an increase of 25%. The overall requested change in this case is \$156,250, and the City's portion of this overall increase is estimated at \$88,500.

This \$88,500 represents approximately 6% of the RDKB annual requisition.

The average \$200,000 house within the City of Grand Forks will see an increase in annual taxation of roughly \$25 per year.

The last increase to the requisition amount was in 2013 and at that time the adjustment was also a 25% increase. (from \$500,000 to \$625,000).

The requisition increase is requested due to maintenance and operational cost increases but also to allow for a capital upgrade for the pool decking that is currently estimated around \$600,000.

Please see the attached documents for further detail and reasoning from RDKB staff why the requisition limits are desired to be adjusted.

Staff is recommending at this time to defer the item for further discussion to the COTW meeting on December 10, 2018, so that RDKB staff (preferably Deputy CAO James Chandler) can be invited to attend and discuss this item and other RDKB service deliveries with the incoming Council, to allow the new members of Council to be briefed on the partnership between the City and the RDKB.

In addition, although it is not uncommon for outgoing Councils to make decisions at the last meetings of their term, the impact in this case could be substantial for the citizens of Grand Forks. The City tends to not pass annual budgets until March of each year and next year's calculations are at this time full of unknown variables largely due to the

challenges with flood recovery and long-term asset management of the City's own infrastructure.

Benefits or Impacts

General

Strategic Impact



Community Engagement

- Partnership with the RDKB to deliver the service



Community Livability

- The aquatic center is a key benefit to community livability



Economic Growth

- Amenities such as the Aquatic Center are vital for the economic growth of the community



Fiscal Responsibility

- The proposed 25% increase to the service will, on a \$200,000 house, see an increase of roughly \$25.

Policy/Legislation

RDKB Aquatic Center service establishment bylaw No 685

Attachments

6 files submitted by the RDKB regarding the consent for Bylaw 1682

- RDKB Bylaw 685
- RDKB Bylaw 1682 – awaiting consent from the City of GF
- RDKB Bylaw 1682 – Consent from Area D
- RDKB Bylaw 1682 – RDKB staff report statutory requirements
- RDKB staff report regarding aquatic center
- RDKB request for consent

Recommendation

THAT Council discusses the proposed increase for the Aquatic Center service and defers the item to the Committee of the Whole meeting on December 10, 2018 for discussion with RDKB representatives.

Options

1. THAT Council accepts the report.
2. THAT Council does not accept the report.
3. THAT Council refers the matter back to staff for further information.

Report Approval Details

Document Title:	2018 - RDKB - Aquatic Center Requisition Increase Bylaw 1682 .docx
Attachments:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- RDKB Bylaw 685-GF Aquatic Centre-Conversion.pdf- RDKB Bylaw 1682-Increase Requisition-GF Aquatic Centre-Sept 2018.pdf- RDKB Bylaw 1682-Area D Participant Consent to Adopt-Sept 2018.pdf- RDKB Bylaw 1682-Staff Report-Statutory Requirements-Sept 2018.pdf- Staff Report-Intro to GF Aquatic Centre-Requisition Increase-BoD Aug 30 2018.pdf- City of GF-Seeking Consent to Adopt Bylaw 1682.pdf
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This report and all of its attachments were approved and signed as outlined below:

Diane Heinrich - Oct 11, 2018 - 9:12 AM