




Subject: **Kneehill Area Recreational Hockey Association**

Meeting Date: Tuesday, July 22, 2025

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## STRATEGIC PLAN ALIGNMENT: (Check all that apply)

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## RELEVANT LEGISLATION:

**Provincial (cite)-** N/A

**Council Bylaw/Policy (cite)-** Policy 15-7, Community Enrichment Support Program

## BACKGROUND/PROPOSAL:

Early on in the year, we received a call from the Kneehill Area Recreational Hockey Association requesting to apply for a Community Grant.

The Kneehill Area Recreational Hockey Association is a hockey league for Kneehill County and area and they play out of the Torrington Arena.

They are looking for \$800 in grant funding from the County, to install a cell phone signal booster inside the Torrington Arena.

In their letter they have given a couple of scenarios where there were some safety issues happening inside the arena and there was no cell phone service inside the building. There is phone coverage outside the building.

They have done some fundraising and they are able to match the \$800 grant with their own \$800. They have also stated that they have a volunteer parent who is an electrician who is willing to donate their time to install the boosters.

The organization is not eligible for a Kneehill Community Grant as the project cannot enhance or create a fully owned municipal asset. The fully owned municipal asset is Kneehill County's Asset.

## DISCUSSION/OPTIONS/BENEFITS/DISADVANTAGES/OTHER CONSIDERATIONS:

Funding for this project could come from the Community Enrichment Support Program, as this is the grant program that is not covered by other grants.

This application was also reviewed by facilities, and they are in support of this application, but want to ensure that the electrician, before doing any work, is qualified and follows Kneehill County's workplace safety practices.

The Torrington Agricultural Society, who leases the facility from Kneehill County is also aware of this request and have also submitted a letter of support for the project.



## REQUEST FOR DECISION

### FINANCIAL & STAFFING IMPLICATIONS:

Kneehill County budgeted \$6,000 for the Community Enrichment Support Program in the 2025 approved budget. Currently, \$4,450 has been utilized, leaving a remaining balance of \$1,550.

### RECOMMENDED ENGAGEMENT:

Directive Decision (Information Sharing, One-Way Communication)

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| Tools: | Individual Notification | Other: |  |
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### ATTACHMENTS:

Sponsorship Request  
Letter of Support from Torrington Ag Society  
Policy 15-7, Community Enrichment Support Program

### COUNCIL OPTIONS:

1. That Council approve a sponsorship in the amount of \$800
2. That Council approve a sponsorship in another amount.
3. That Council receive for information.

### RECOMMENDED MOTION:

That Council provide the Kneehill Area Recreational Hockey Association with funding in the amount of \$800, from the Community Enrichment Support Program, to assist with the installation of a cell phone signal booster inside the Torrington Arena. Further, that prior to any work being performed, the electrician contracted for the installation must notify Kneehill County Facilities to confirm qualifications and ensure appropriate workplace safety practices are followed.

### FOLLOW-UP ACTIONS:

Notify the Kneehill Area Recreational Hockey Association and the Torrington AG Society of Council's decision.

### APPROVAL(S):

Mike Haugen, Chief Administrative Officer

Approved- ☒

