

To: Mayor and Members of Council

September 20, 2010

Re: White Butte Planning Committee – Planning for Growth Application

Background

The Provincial Government announced the 'Planning for Growth Initiative' back in June 2010. The purpose of this initiative is to get communities working together in a planning capacity. The program has two application intake deadlines, September 30, 2010 and December 31, 2010.

The Town of White City signed a Memorandum of Agreement regarding The White Butte Regional Planning Committee in June, 2010. At the last White Butte meeting, the Committee agreed to submit an application for funding for the first intake of the Planning for Growth Initiative.

Discussion

Committee Chair, Tim Sterzer and Brad McKenzie, Economic Development Officer from Regina Regional Opportunities Commission (RROC) have been working together to complete the application. Throughout the application process they have concluded that the actual cost to each member municipality of the White Butte Regional Planning Committee is \$13,890. Each member of the committee had originally contributed \$5,000, and what Brad and Tim estimated is that with the cost of sending council members and administration to attend the monthly meetings that the real cost to members was actually \$13,890, with \$8,890 being expensed as remuneration. Therefore the total costs related to operating the White Butte Planning Committee is \$55,560.

The Committee is applying for \$100,000 which is the maximum they can apply for. The program is one that requires matching dollars, so the committee would have to have to prove expenses of at least \$50,000 and then the government would match that \$50,000.

The Committee would like to submit the application as soon as possible so they are asking that member Councils pass a motion supporting the committee to make application to Planning for Growth for an amount of \$100,000 for the September 30, 2010 intake. Council is must pass a resolution supporting the application and acknowledging the member municipalities share of the project is \$50,000.

Budget Implications

There is no impact to the budget

Conclusion

The Committee is asking that a resolution be passed supporting the application and that a letter of Support be sent to the New Deal Secretariat supporting the application. I have attached the draft letter for Council to review.

Recommendation

Administration recommends the following motion be passed:

"THAT the Council of the Town of White City, as a participating member of the White Butte Regional Planning Committee and based on the Memorandum of Agreement agreed to by this Council and signed on behalf of this Council by the Mayor and Administrator, do hereby support the application of the Town of Balgonie under the Planning for Growth Program and that Council acknowledges that the budget for the member municipalities share of this project is \$50,000.

Respectfully submitted,

Shauna Bzdel,
Town Manager



Town of White City

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New Deal Secretariat
Ministry of Municipal Affairs
410 – 1855 Victoria Avenue
Regina, SK. S4P 3T2

Dear Sir or Madam:

Enclosed is a certified copy of motion # whereby Council expresses their support for the application of the Town of Balgonie under the Planning for Growth Program. This municipality is a member of the White Butte Regional Planning Committee and fully supports the work and activities of the Committee.

Yours truly,

Shauna Bzdel
Town Manager