

**Subject: Letter of Support - City of Grande Prairie Application for Alberta Community Partnership Grant Application re: Intermunicipal Opioid Response****APPROVALS:****Annette Antoniak**\_\_\_\_\_  
Director\_\_\_\_\_  
Chief Administrative Officer**Recommended Motion:**

THAT Council endorse the City of Grande Prairie's application for an Alberta Community Partnership grant for the development of an Alberta Intermunicipal Opioid Response.

**Summary:**

The City of Grande Prairie is looking for support in applying for an Alberta Community Partnership (ACP) grant to enable the development of a coordinated municipal response to the opioid crisis.

**Background:**

The City of Grande Prairie is submitting an ACP grant application for funds to enable the development of a coordinated Intermunicipal Opioid Response. Conceptually, the project would be time-limited of 15 to 18 months focusing on building connections and sharing information across Alberta communities.

Although opioid response is a public health issue outside municipal jurisdiction, it is, none the less, straining municipal resources including emergency first responders, public works, transit, housing, parks, planning, Family and Community Support Services and many others.

As individual communities tackle this issue, they are faced with their own distinct set of circumstances. As a result, each community is developing their individual practices, which alternatively could be of benefit to other municipalities within Alberta.

**Budget/Financial Implications:**

It is anticipated that the program would be funded by the ACP grant with in-kind operational support provided by the City of Grande Prairie, therefore there is no

financial impact to the Municipality.

**Rationale for Recommendation:**

At this time, there is a lack of coordinated, formalized approach to transferring this type of knowledge between municipalities, so endorsing this application would address this gap.

**Strategic Priorities:**

Responsible Government