



# REQUEST FOR DECISION

Meeting: February 10, 2025

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## Claresholm Minor Hockey- Score Clock Grants Support Letters

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### **DESCRIPTION/BACKGROUND:**

Claresholm Minor Hockey expressed interest in applying for a Community Foundation of Lethbridge and SW Alberta Grant for the purchase of a new score clock for the Arena. The intent was to pay the full quote of \$14,066 through the Community Priorities Grant which funds projects up to a maximum of \$15,000. Council approved a letter of support for this application at the January 27<sup>th</sup> council meeting. However, administration spoke with Community Foundation on January 30 and was informed that the Score Clock would not fit with their Mandate as it was sport specific and would not address a community barrier.

Administration has since written an application to the Thunders Alumni Grant Program. Funding from this organization is based on many factors, such as how much money is raised during the 3-day tournament, how many organizations have applied with a funding request, and how great the need in the community. The application asked for the full amount that was needed, ie. \$14,066 is the amount quoted for the new score clock, there was not a specific funding request for a dollar amount.

The Hockey Alberta Grant, Every Kid Can Play, will pay up to \$5,000 for programs for youth that remove barriers, and Equipment purchases. Administration reached out to Hockey Alberta to determine if we could submit a grant for the score clock, and while there does not seem to be a barrier for the application, it is uncertain if the score clock request will fit their Mandate. Claresholm Minor Hockey has committed up to \$7,000 for the purchase of a new clock. If the Town was successful with the Hockey Alberta Grant and utilized funding from Minor Hockey, we would still be short several thousand dollars. There is money in reserves that could be allocated for the purchase, and that will be a separate request for Council at a future meeting.

Administration has also reached out to the Richardson Pioneer Grant, their Nobleford Branch, and will be requesting the full amount of \$14,066.

### **RECOMMENDED ACTION:**

1. Request the Town of Claresholm write a letter of support to Hockey Alberta's Grant for funds to go towards the replacement of the Score Clock at the Claresholm Arena.
2. Request the Town of Claresholm write a letter of Support for the Richardson Pioneer Grant for funds for the replacement of the Score Clock at the Claresholm Arena.

Deadline for the Hockey Alberta Grant is March 15, 2025.

Deadline for Richardson Pioneer Grant is March 15, 2025.

### **PROPOSED RESOLUTIONS:**

Moved by Councillor \_\_\_\_\_ to have the Town of Claresholm write a letter of support to Hockey Alberta for Grant Funds for a new Score Clock at the Arena.

Moved by Councillor \_\_\_\_\_ to have the Town of Claresholm write a letter of support for Richardson Pioneer Grants for Grant funds for a new Score Clock at the Arena.

**COSTS/ SOURCE OF FUNDING (if applicable):**

Administration is looking to find funding for 100% of the costs of the score clock. If we raise more than the amount needed, we will be sending that back to the Funder.

\$14,066 + GST and Shipping (undisclosed).

Claresholm Minor Hockey is prepared to pay \$7,000 of the total amount of the score clock purchase.

Depending on the outcome of the grants, we may need additional funding from the Town's reserves.

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APPROVED BY: Abe Tinney, CAO

DATE: February 7, 2025

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