



REQUEST FOR DIRECTION

Meeting: May 12, 2025

OUTDOOR CLASSROOM REQUEST: WCCHS

DESCRIPTION:

Grade 7 students at the Willow Creek Composite High School have received a SOARING grant from Alberta Health Services. The grant allows the students to build a “unique, student led project that focusses on wellness and resilience.” The students have chosen to build an outdoor classroom (see attached correspondence) and are looking for assistance from within the community. They have requested financial donations, materials and/or volunteer time.

DISCUSSION/OPTIONS:

The Director of Infrastructure Services has indicated that the Town can assist with groundwork preparation, which includes in-kind labour and equipment, as well as soil and gravel donations. We don't know the specifics of the proposed classroom, so it is difficult to estimate the cost to the in-kind services. However, given that the project is limited to an outdoor classroom setting, we are confident that we can provide the in-kind services without placing a burden on operations, equipment and supplies.

Council could also choose to provide funding for this initiative, as there is a yearly budget for Council to help community groups fund their projects.

RECOMMENDATION:

Council approve some form of assistance to WCCHS SOARING project.

PROPOSED RESOLUTION:

MOVED by Councillor _____ to donate Town of Claresholm manpower, equipment, soil and gravel for the groundwork and site preparation for the WCCHS SOARING project.

ATTACHMENTS:

- 1.) Correspondence