



**Subject:** *District Recreation Funds & Beautification Grant Allocation*  
**To:** Parks, Recreation & Culture Committee  
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**Related Motions:** C24(43)  
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### Summary

Following the election there will be the same number of districts, but the boundaries will change. Council approval is sought to distribute the remaining DRF and Beautification funds from the old districts to the new districts based on the difference in residential assessment amounts from the old to the new districts.

### Financial Impact Statement

There is no financial impact to the municipality.

### Recommendation

Recommend to Council that following the municipal election, the balance of the District Recreation Fund and Beautification Fund reserves for each existing district be allocated to the new district structure based on residential assessment.

### Recommended Motion

*Move that the Parks, Recreation & Culture Committee recommend that Council approve the balance at October 30, 2024 in the District Recreation Fund and Beautification Fund reserves for each existing district and it be allocated to the new district structure on the basis of residential assessment.*

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### Background

Each year the District Recreation Fund (DRF) allotment is based on a calculation of one cent per \$100 of residential assessment in each district. The balance for each district is tracked and after projects are awarded funds, the remaining balance is maintained in a district specific operating reserve.

Previously each Councillor received \$2,000 per year for beautification projects in their district. Any remaining funds are carried over at the end of the fiscal year with the cumulative balance held in reserves for use in the district. Based on Council motion C24(43) and subsequent approval of the 2024/2025 budget, the beautification budget was increased from \$2,000 to \$3,000 with the additional \$1,000 provided to each district following the October election.

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### Discussion

Following the election there will be the same number of districts, but the boundaries will change. Council approval is sought to distribute the remaining DRF and Beautification funds from the old districts to the new districts based on the difference in residential assessment amounts from the old to the new districts. This is the same method approved in 2016.

### STRATEGIC ALIGNMENT

District Recreation Fund Program provides capital funding to non-profit community groups who own and operate indoor and outdoor community facilities available to all residents to enjoy. Along with Beautification Funds provided to community groups in their districts, these projects contribute to a strong community and provide sustainable infrastructure.

### FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

There is no financial impact to the municipality.

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## Alternatives

Council may choose to use an alternate calculation for the reallocation of the funds.

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