TOWN OF BONNYVILLE REQUEST FOR DECISION

Date: August 19, 2024

Submitted By: Administration **Meeting Date:** August 27, 2024

SUBJECT: Dates for 2025 Budget Delegation Presentations

BACKGROUND: The Town of Bonnyville contributes annually to many Community Organizations for the purpose of sponsoring events, the provision of operating grants for services that these organizations provide, donations to projects and repair and maintenance agreements, to name a few. Any requests that are in excess of \$1,000.00 are asked to appear as a delegation at a Council meeting in the fall to present their requests for the next budget year.

OTHER COMMENTS: For Budget 2024, there were 20 Community Organizations who presented their requests to Council at three Special Council meetings in September 2023. For Budget 2025, 27 Community Organizations received letters to submit their requests for funding and to appear as a budget delegation at a fall Council meeting. Administration would like to recommend that Council consider holding three Special Council Meetings this fall for presentations for the 2025 Budget. Possible dates for Council to consider are:

September 18 September 19

September 23

September 24

REPORT/DOCUMENT: □Attached □Available ⊠NIL

KEY ISSUE(S)/CONCEPT: To ensure both the Community Organizations as well as Council have the opportunity to discuss funding requests to be included for consideration in the 2025 Budget.

PREFERRED STRATEGY: The preferred strategy recommended by Administration would be to schedule three Special Council meetings either in the evening or during the workday specifically for the 2025 Budget Delegations.

OPTIONS: Options include scheduling the Budget Delegations during the September Regular Council Meetings, schedule Special Council Meetings or review the Budget Delegation list and decide if Council would like to schedule all of the Organizations to appear or pare down the list to hear some of the organizations with the other requests automatically added to the budget for Council's consideration.

RELEVENCE TO STRATEGIC PLAN:



Communications Strategy



Economic Growth



Recreation & Wellness



Service Excellence



Value Added
Services

RECOMMENDATION: THAT Council approve up to three Special Council Meetings for the purpose of scheduling the 2025 Budget Delegation Presentations.

FINANCIAL: Costs associated with holding a Special Council Meeting.

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