

## VOLUNTARY RECREATION CONTRIBUTION FUND

This program, created in March of 2006 to assist with the demand for recreation and cultural opportunities in the County, was initiated in accordance with the County's Master Rates Bylaw requesting donations based on a set fee schedule. For residential development, the fee is \$800 per unit and for non-residential, the fee is \$800 per acre.

A wide range of recreation and cultural activities are important to the quality of life enjoyed by Rocky View residents. Rocky View County Council encourages recreation, leisure and cultural participation that is affordable and accessible to all. Rocky View County's recreation contribution program is designed to provide, in accordance with the *Municipal Government Act*, a fair and equitable method to distribute recreation funding grants.

All voluntary recreation contributions are utilized in the district where the development occurred and will be used specifically to support either the expansion of an existing recreational amenity or the development of a future recreational amenity in the Bow North Recreation District.

1. The Voluntary Recreation Contribution will be a one time collection from the developer at the fee prescribed in the Master Rates Bylaw described herein.
2. Donations not meeting the minimum amount as prescribed in the Master Rates Bylaw will not be accepted.
3. The Voluntary Recreation Contribution is apportioned on 100% to the recreation district in which the development was located and regional and district facilities are eligible to apply.
4. Prior to a development permit being issued or finalization of a subdivision approval the developer will be asked to participate in the Voluntary Recreation Contribution program.
5. The developer may agree to the Voluntary Recreation Contribution at the subdivision endorsement stage. The contribution, calculated as prescribed in the Master Rates Bylaw, shall be collected prior to final subdivision approval.
6. The developer may execute a clause in the development agreement, regarding the Voluntary Recreation Contribution, prior to signing the development agreement. The calculated fee, as prescribed in the Master Rates Bylaw, shall be collected at the time of signing of the development agreement.
7. The funds collected will be used for only capital long-term public recreation facilities, which would include land and buildings, both new and expansion of existing facilities and in accordance with the affected recreation district's and regional's current Recreation Master Plan and approval of Council.
8. The developer has three (3) payment options for the Voluntary Recreation Contribution:
  - a. A cheque for the total calculated amount and made payable to Rocky View County for a future new facility; or
  - b. A cheque for the total calculated amount and made payable to Rocky View County for an existing designated regional facility; or
  - c. Build a facility, meeting all the requirements as directed by the County.
9. Should the developer wish to build a public facility:
  - a. The facility must be in accordance with the affected recreation board's current master plan and the regional recreation board's current master plan: and
  - b. To consider a potential reduction of the Voluntary Recreation Contribution, the administrator and the developer will enter into discussions to assess the value of the proposed public facility in context with the overall Voluntary Recreation Contribution.