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Subject City of Cranbrook - Proposed 3rd St NW Boundary Expansion

REQUEST

Consider a two parcel boundary expansion by the City of Cranbrook.

OPTIONS

1. THAT the City of Cranbrook be advised that the RDEK supports the proposed two parcel boundary expansion on 3rd St NW as outlined in the January 3, 2020 correspondence from the City.
2. THAT the City of Cranbrook be advised that the RDEK does not support the proposed two parcel boundary expansion on 3rd St NW as outlined in the January 3, 2020 correspondence from the City.

RECOMMENDATION

Option 1.

The proposal is generally consistent with the Rockyview Official Community Plan. The inclusion of the two parcels is a logical extension and receiving the consent for annexation should not be an issue based on information provided by the City.

BACKGROUND/ANALYSIS

The attached correspondence was received from the City regarding a proposed boundary expansion in the Slaterville area. The RDEK OCP for the area encourages larger scale block boundary expansions rather than inclusion of small individual parcels. Larger scale annexations allow for planning for future infrastructure requirements by the City and land use certainty for Area C landowners. While not a large scale expansion, the proposed inclusion of the two parcels is a logical expansion considering the location of the parcels along 3rd Street NW.

The proposed expansion was triggered by a request from one of the parcels to facilitate connection to the City sewer system. The City staff report identifies that the second parcel is currently connected to City utility services and that an existing restrictive covenant requires annexation upon request by the City. The only other small parcel under RDEK jurisdiction on this block along 3rd Street NW, which is not included in the request, is undeveloped Crown land.

SPECIFIC CONSIDERATIONS

Official Community Plan

Rockyview OCP Section 19.3 (2)(a) states:

To provide opportunities for comprehensive long-term subdivision and servicing planning, municipal boundary expansions should occur on a large parcel or block level rather than on an individual small parcel basis.

Attachment: City of Cranbrook Letter – January 3, 2020