



**Village of Rycroft
Request for Decision
Council Meeting Date: August 16, 2022**

TOPIC: Ground Levelling by the Baseball Diamond

RECOMMENDED ACTION: That Council provide direction to Administration on how to proceed.

BACKGROUND: In January, Council gave direction to contact CN Rail to devise a plan to clear out the willow trees and remove the fence between the railroad tracks and baseball diamond in the interest of improving the water drainage system for the Village. That job was completed at a cost of \$1,025.

In May Council gave direction to remove more trees from the Rage baseball diamond west side outfield fence; cleanup/landscape the area that the trees were mulched this past winter; and also get a price on the install of a water line to the area for the purpose of watering new trees. We have been waiting for the ground to dry up and contractor to be available for this job.

We have a quote from Aaron Schoorlemmer to clean up the drainage area behind the ball diamonds. He says he would charge \$11,500 for 3 days work with the hoe and 2 days with a dozer. We were previously quoted \$500 for a mulcher.

Also, as per the action list, once the specific location of precisely where we want watering system extended is known, the cost to extend the watering system is quoted at \$2,450 from B Green Irrigation. The cost for a 74" tree spade from Earthwood trees is \$205/hr. The trees may be free from the MD of Spirit River, and they may be interested in cost sharing the use of the tree spade rental.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS: Estimate \$11,500 unbudgeted funds to clear the tree brush. \$2,450 for irrigation system. \$205/hr for tree spade work – so a 10 hour day would cost \$2,050 per day.

POLICY AND/OR LEGISLATIVE IMPLICATIONS: These are all unbudgeted funds in 2022.

ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS:

1. Council could hire this or other machinery to groom the property.
2. Council could do nothing and leave it to nature.
3. Council could agree on the direction, devise a plan, and budget funds in 2023 to complete the project

ATTACHMENTS: None.

Peter Thomas
Chief Administrative Officer

August 11, 2022
Date