

To: Councillor Ross
Cc: Council
From: Matthew Goudy, CAO
Date: November 28, 2019

RE: Christmas Wreath in Support of Big Brothers Big Sisters

Thank you for your inquiry relative to the City creating a wreath for the Festival of Wreaths, in support of Big Brother and Big Sisters of Lacombe & District. This popular annual event generates significant funds for the local BBBS programming, with the wreaths decorating the walls of the Lacombe Memorial Centre, and the Abbey Centre in Blackfalds. Participants are eligible for a tax receipt, for in-kind donations.

The City has not participated in the past, but could certainly do so in the future, with Council's direction. Lacombe County submits a wreath to the event.

Although no budget has been specifically allocated in the proposed 2020 Operating Budget, the wreath could certainly be funded through some minor re-allocations, or via Council's 'Advertising & Promotions' line item. Creation of a wreath would likely cost between \$300 and \$500, judging by 'typical' entries from private businesses.

This year we were unable to get anything ready in time for the November 19th submission to the Festival of Wreaths, but we'd be happy to do so for 2020, if Council should desire.

I hope this satisfies this query. Please let me know if you would like to discuss this matter further, or require any additional information.

Sincerely,



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