

City Staff Report

Report Date: May 18, 2018
Meeting Date: May 22, 2018

To: City Manager
From: Director of Community Services
Subject: Alex Fraser Park Fur and Feather Building Replacement

Purpose

The purpose of this report is to receive a resolution in support of submitting an application to Northern Development Initiative Trust's Community Halls and Recreation Facilities grant for the replacement of the fur and feather building at Alex Fraser Park, and approval of a financial contribution to this project from the sub-regional recreation capital reserve.

Summary

The North Cariboo Joint Committee recommended that the Cariboo Regional District submit a Rural Dividend Special Circumstances request for the replacement of the fur and feather building at Alex Fraser Park in advance of this year's wildfire season.

Following the Rural Dividend's Special Circumstances process, a letter was submitted and the Cariboo Regional District has now been invited to complete an application for up to \$500,000 toward this project.

The total cost of the project is \$576,780. This project cost includes finishing the building completely except for furniture, fixtures, and equipment.

Alex Fraser Park Society has secured a \$20,000 in kind donation towards the electrical work for the project.

An application was submitted to the Northern Development Community Halls and Recreation Facilities grant for \$30,000 towards the building cost. (Resolution required).

\$26,780 is required to fully fund the project and ensure the new building is in place this summer.

In accordance with the Committee's Unanticipated Expenditure Policy, staff are asked to consider whether or not an unanticipated expenditure can be absorbed in the budget by redirecting funds allocated for other capital projects.

The 2018 capital budget includes a net allocation of \$74,200. These funds have been allocated toward the stock pen replacement and to implement priority items identified in the Facility Condition Assessment.

While it is an option for the Committee to redirect funds in the capital budget for this project, staff recommend that the funding contribution required for this project come from surplus/capital reserves. \$35,000 of the 2018 capital budget funding is for a stock pen replacement project where the NCRP allocation has been leveraged with other funding for the project to proceed. The Facility Condition Assessment improvements are part of a phased approach to address high priority maintenance concerns in the park and staff believe that it is important that these projects proceed this year.

Recommendation

THAT the North Cariboo Joint Committee supports a Cariboo Regional District application to the Northern Development Initiative Trust Community Halls and Recreation Facilities grant for \$30,000 towards the replacement of the Fur and Feather building at Alex Fraser Park.

And further that the NCJC request the CRD Board to endorse this resolution at its May 25 meeting.

THAT the North Cariboo Joint Committee allocate up to \$26,780 of the Sub-Regional Recreation Capital Reserve budget to the replacement of the Fur and Feather Building at Alex Fraser Park with a new multi-use structure.



Financial Implications

Funder	Amount
Rural Dividend	\$500,000
Northern Development Initiative Trust	\$30,000
In-kind support	\$20,000
North Cariboo Recreation Capital Reserve	\$26,780
Total	\$576,780

Background

The Alex Fraser Park Society informed the Joint Committee at its meeting on March 13, 2018, that there is an initiative underway to replace the aged fur and feather building with a new animal hosting facility.

The proposed building would significantly improve the park's ability to host a wider range of events and to house animals during evacuations. A new animal hosting building would also greatly improve the Society's utilization of the Park's indoor arena, allowing them to use the arena as it was originally intended.