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AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY

To: Chair and Directors, Cariboo Regional District Board

And To: John MacLean, Chief Administrative Officer

From: Alice Johnston, Corporate Officer

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Short Summary:

Request from Director Richmond to Access Electoral Area G Director Initiative Funds

Voting:

Policy requires 2/3rds of Electoral Area Directors in Favour

Memorandum:

Director Richmond has submitted the following request:

Could you put a request on the next board agenda for me to access up to \$600 from my Director Initiative Fund to help with the transportation of 6 elementary schools to a tree planting event on June 1st at the 108.

This item is submitted for consideration of the Electoral Area Directors in accordance with the Director Initiative Funds Policy. The event is being coordinated by the CRD, and will involve a community gathering that encourages students to plant trees in an effort to assist in recovering from the wildfires of 2017.

Attachments:

None

Financial Implications:

Sufficient funds exist in the Area G Director Initiative Fund to accommodate this request.

Policy Implications:

Policy No. 11-11A-12(3) Director Initiative Funds states:

Director Initiative funds are discretionary funds to be used on a limited basis for:

- the cost for a Director's attendance at seminars/workshops associated with development as an elected official other than training offered by NCLGA and UBCM or specifically contained in the Board's Electoral Area Administration budget;

- the cost for a Director to conduct meetings within their Electoral Area on topics of interest to their constituents provided those topics are not inconsistent with established Board policies or decisions;
- the cost of a Director’s additional travel outside of the region for special initiatives of importance to their electoral area. An example of such travel would be to meet with provincial or federal ministers with respect to an issue, provided that the matter is not contrary to established Board policies or decisions;
- annual volunteer appreciation events (no staff resources are provided for the organization/planning of such events); and
- the cost of Long Service Recognition for CRD Commissioners including:
 - the purchase of a retirement gift as a long service award to members of CRD Commissions who have served a minimum of 5 years,
 - hosting a luncheon or similar venue to present long service awards.

Ineligible projects include:

- attending general interest seminars, workshops or conferences unrelated to the business of the Cariboo Regional District;
- hosting special events such as community luncheons, dinners, barbeques, etc. (other than annual volunteer appreciation events);
- advertising, mail-outs or other media except as related to conducting a meeting approved in accordance with the above guidelines; and
- providing funds, gifts, or favours to third parties.

Process:

- Directors may request a requisition in any fiscal year for the Director Initiative Fund;
- Funds may be accumulated from year to year provided that the annual allocation for the Director Initiative Fund does not exceed \$5,000.
- Requests to access the Director Initiative Fund must be submitted in writing for inclusion on a Board agenda in accordance with the Procedure Bylaw.
- Staff will prepare the appropriate report and will identify whether or not the request meets the conditions of the policy.
- Verbal requests to access the Director Initiative Fund will not be considered
- Funds can only be expended with the approval of 2/3rd of the Electoral Area Directors.

(Resolution No. 11-11A-12(3))
 (Amended by Resolution No. 13-10B-36)
 (Amended by Resolution No. 2015-8-52)

This request appears to meet the intent of the policy as it involves a community gathering/meeting that seeks to help residents heal from the impacts of the 2017 wildfires.

Alignment with Strategic Plan:

- Ensuring Sufficient and Sustainable Funding
- Building on our Relationships
- Providing Cost Effective High Quality Services
- Focusing on Being Well Governed

CAO Comments:

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Options:

- 1) Receipt and authorize funds as requested;
- 2) Receipt only;
- 3) Receipt and other action.

Recommendation:

That the agenda item summary from Alice Johnston, Corporate Officer, dated May 17, 2018, regarding a request from Director Richmond to access up to \$600 from Electoral Area G Director Initiative funds to assist with the cost to transport local youth to a CRD-coordinated event at the 108 in an effort to help community members recover from the 2017 wildfires, be received. *Further action at the discretion of the Board.*