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AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY

To: Chair and Directors, Cariboo Regional District Board

And To: Choose an item.

From: John MacLean, Chief Administrative Officer

Date of Meeting: Cariboo Regional District Board_Jul13_2018

File: Proposed Dasiqox Tribal Park

Short Summary:

Proposed Dasiqox Tribal Park

Voting:

Corporate Vote - Unweighted

Memorandum:

Chief Russel Myers Ross of the Yunešit'in Government (Stone) and Chief Jimmy Lulua of the Xení Gwet'in First Nation Government (Nemiah) have asked for the Board's comments on the proposed Dasiqox Tribal Park.

The proposed park is approximately 300,000 hectares, and is located approximately 125 km southwest of Williams Lake and includes lands that are included in the Tsilhqot'in Title and Rights areas as established by the Supreme Court of Canada in the William decision. It also includes lands that are beyond those identified in the William decision. The proposal also includes the Prosperity Mine site.

The proponents of the park have provided the attached information for their proposal. The proposal is lacking information as to the plans for existing tenure holders, the opportunity for economic development activity on the land base, how the proposed park will be governed and operated and, finally, what will be the opportunity for the non First Nation community to access and enjoy what is now Crown Land.

We do not feel that the Board is in a position to offer support or comment for this proposal at this time. There are too many questions. We do feel it would be appropriate to ask the proponents to consider the questions the Board deems relevant.

We would propose the following questions:

1. How will the rights of any existing property or tenure holder be addressed and managed?
2. Will the land base be available for economic development, including, but not limited to, tourism, trapping, guiding, and resource extraction?
3. How will the proposed park be governed? How will it be operated?

4. Will there be any restrictions on who can enjoy the park? Will anyone be allowed to hunt fish or gather in the proposed park?

Attachments:

- Letter from Chief Myers Ross and Chief Lulua
- Dasiqox Tribal Park Brochure
- Dasiqox Tribal Park Summary

Financial Implications:

The financial implications are uncertain, as we are not sure about the impact on any property that may be assessed for taxation purposes. We are also uncertain as to the possible impact to any economic development activity that may take place in the proposed park area in the future.

Policy Implications:

None

Alignment with Strategic Plan:

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

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CAO Comments:

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Options:

1. Receipt and approve the staff recommendation.
2. Receipt only.
3. Receipt and action determined by the Board.

Recommendation:

That the agenda item summary from John MacLean, Chief Administrative Officer with attached letter from Chief Russel Myers Ross of the Yunešit'in Government (Stone) and Chief Jimmy Lulua of the Xeni Gwet'in First Nation Government (Nemiah) asking for the Board's comments on the proposed Dasiqox Tribal Park, be received. Further, that the Board direct a letter be sent to the proponents indicating that the Board cannot comment on the proposed Dasiqox Tribal Park until such time as the proposal is fully developed and specifically addresses the following questions:

1. How will the rights of any existing property or tenure holder be addressed and managed?
2. Will the land base be available for economic development, including, but not limited to, tourism, trapping, guiding, and resource extraction?
3. How will the proposed park be governed? How will it be operated?

4. Will there be any restrictions on who can enjoy the park? Will anyone be allowed to hunt fish or gather in the proposed park?