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AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY

To: Central Cariboo/City of Williams Lake Joint Committee
And To: John MacLean, Chief Administrative Officer
From: Darron Campbell, Manager of Community Services
Date of Meeting: Central Cariboo Joint Committee_Jun20_2018
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Short Summary:

Esler Recreation Advisory Commission - 2018 Spring Meeting Minutes and Recommendations

Voting:

Voting – Electoral Areas D, E, F and City of Williams Lake
Ratification required by CRD

Memorandum:

Please find attached the minutes from the Esler Recreation Advisory Commission (ERAC) spring meeting held May 10, 2018.

Each league using the Esler Sports Complex fields confirmed that participation continues to grow and use of the complex is high. Soccer has 1075 registered players with all youth and adults now playing games at the Esler complex, Slo-Pitch has 700 adult players on 30 teams, and Minor Fastball has about 200 youth players.

As noted in the minutes, the commission endorsed the proposed capital projects for Minor Fastball, Slo-Pitch and Soccer. Funding of \$5,000 for capital projects for each user group is included in the 2018 Central Cariboo Recreation and Leisure Services (CCRLS) budget.

The three-year Field Maintenance Agreements with each group expire on December 31, 2018 and renewal of the agreements was discussed. Each group expressed a desire for an increase in maintenance funding and staff will review the CCRLS budget prior to bringing forward a recommendation to the ERAC and the CCJC. Currently the groups receive \$50,000 per year divided between them as \$30,000 for the soccer fields, \$17,500 for the slo-pitch fields and \$12,500 for the fastball fields.

The groups also discussed working cooperatively on a major field rejuvenation project including top-dressing the existing playing fields to support better turf growth and resilience. This project may be included into the CCRLS capital plan for consideration by the CCJC and the CRD Board once the scope and cost are understood.

Staff informed the group about the 2018 business plan goal to proceed with designs and authorizations for a better access road into the sports complex directly off Highway 20. An RFP has been issued for engineering design services and initial meetings with the necessary provincial ministries for permits and design specifications have taken place.

Redesigning and improving the on-site parking and traffic flow at the complex is also included in the project scope.

The goal is to have a construction-ready design plan and cost estimate complete in 2018 to support grant applications for construction as opportunities arise. Funding for the design plan is included in the CCRLS financial plan.

The following recommendations from the ERAC are presented for endorsement by the Central Cariboo Joint Committee and further to the Regional District Board.

Attachments:

ERAC meeting minutes of May 10, 2018

Financial Implications:

An allocation of \$15,000 in capital project support for the three leagues operating at the Esler Sports Complex is approved in the 2018 Central Cariboo Recreation (1553) Business and Financial Plans. There is currently \$15,000 allocated for access road designs; however, this cost may increase with the additional scope for the redesign of on-site parking areas and traffic flow. An increase for the design scope can be accommodated within the CCRLS budget without affecting taxation or capital reserves.

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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Options:

- 1) Endorse recommendations
- 2) Receipt only
- 3) Receipt and other action
- 4) Defer

Recommendation:

That the agenda item summary from Darron Campbell, Manager of Community Services, dated June 1, 2018, and attached minutes from the Esler Recreation Advisory Commission meeting held May 10, 2018, be received. Further, that the following recommendations from the Commission be considered for endorsement:

- i) that the proposed capital projects for Minor Fastball, Slo-Pitch and Soccer be approved including: the Minor Fastball league will install security shutters on clubhouse storage, Slo-pitch will erect backstop fencing and Soccer will construct bleachers for spectators. Further, that \$5,000 for capital projects for each user group be approved as allocated in the Central Cariboo Recreation and Leisure Services (CCRLS) budget and business plan for 2018.
- ii) that the Esler Recreation Advisory Commission members for 2017 be appointed as follows: Linda Barbondy for the WL Slo-Pitch League, Brian Hansen for the WL Soccer Associations, Nick Surette for the WL Minor Fastball Association and Judy Reilander and Bruce Newbery for the Esler Community Association.