

City Staff Report

Original signed by: City Manager Johnson

Report Date: July 3, 2018
Meeting Date: July 10, 2018

To: City Manager
From: Economic Development Officer
Subject: Cariboo Strong Funds – Final projects

Purpose

The purpose of this report is to receive a resolution in support of:

- Directing \$20,000 of Cariboo Strong funds towards the development of design drawings for a First Nations Cultural Centre
- Directing \$10,000 of Cariboo Strong funds towards the development of a concept and design to recognize the site of the hanging of the Tsilhqot'in Chiefs
- Directing \$5,000 of Cariboo Strong funds towards the development of plans to reconfigure the sani-loop to capture more rubber road traffic in Quesnel
- Directing \$13,000 to maintain the momentum gained through the Forestry Think Tank
- Carrying forward remaining funds from the Snow-ball tournament in order to host a second event in 2019.

Summary

First Nations Cultural Centre

The City of Quesnel has received grant funding towards the development of a business case for a First Nations Cultural Centre. Additional funding is required to complete design drawings for the project.

Currently, Alfred Waugh, of Formline Architecture, is completing a similar project for Barkerville Historic Park. Formline Architecture is one of only four indigenous-led architectural firms in Canada. Efficiencies would be realized from working with the same firm at the same time.

Alfred Waugh has provided a quote of \$20,000 to complete the work, including:

- Definition of the vision with City of Quesnel and Lhtako Dene Nation
- Developing a space program based on proposed building use, operational programs, and staffing requirements
- Preliminary site planning
- Developing a conceptual design including plans, sections, elevations and 3D sketches
- Work with the business case consultant on Class D cost estimates

Tsilhqot'in Recognition

The federal and provincial governments have apologized to the Tsilhqot'in National Government for the wrongful hanging of six Tsilhqot'in chiefs.

Five of the chiefs were hung on the banks of the Fraser River, near the site of G.R. Baker Hospital.

Currently nothing marks the site other than one of the riverfront trail interpretive signs.

This project would explore appropriate recognition of the site, in consultation with the Tsilhqot'in National Government and the provincial government who is the land owner at the site.



For both projects, once plans are in place, further grant funding will be sought for implementation.

Sani-loop

Currently, there are often bottlenecks at the sani-loop as traffic waits to empty at the sani-dump station and fill up with water. The area is marked for daytime RV parking, however no parking spaces are marked, and once parked, there is no clear way to connect to the riverfront trail system or downtown without dodging traffic on the highway, or walking up the shoulder with traffic for a block to reach the sidewalk.

This project would explore a reconfiguration of the area, which may include:

- Moving the satellite recycling bins
- Adding an additional water station
- Moving the location of the sani-dump, water station
- Looking at traffic flow and parking configuration
- Directing pedestrian traffic to downtown and the riverfront trail system
- Landscaping

Forestry Think Tank

This project will carry forward the work from the Forestry Think Tank. The funds will be used to hire a contractor who will work to reconvene First Nations, industry, FLNRORD, and local government in order to prepare funding applications in partnership with these groups to carry out the initiatives defined in the Forestry Think Tank Report. This contractor will also work on initiatives outlined in the Community Wildfire Protection Plan.

Snow-Ball

In 2018, \$15,000 in Cariboo Strong funds were allocated toward a Snow-Ball tournament to be held in conjunction with the Winter Carnival. This event was a success, with potential to grow. As not all of the funding was used, there is potential for remaining funds to be carried over to 2019 for an even larger event drawing more teams.

Recommendation

THAT the North Cariboo Joint Planning Committee approve the use of \$20,000 of Cariboo Strong funds towards the development of design drawings of the proposed First Nations Cultural Centre in Quesnel.

AND THAT the North Cariboo Joint Planning Committee approve the use of \$10,000 of Cariboo Strong funds towards the development of a recognition concept appropriate to the site of the hanging of the Tsilhqot'in chiefs.

AND THAT the North Cariboo Joint Planning Committee approve the use of \$5,000 of Cariboo Strong funds towards the development of plans to reconfigure the sani-loop to maximize RV traffic stops in Quesnel

AND THAT the North Cariboo Joint Planning Committee approve the use of \$13,000 of Cariboo Strong funds towards forestry initiatives identified during the Forestry Think Tank and in the Community Wildfire Protection Plan

AND THAT the North Cariboo Joint Planning Committee approve carrying forward the remaining \$8.500 from the Snow Ball tournament in order to host a second, larger tournament in 2019.

Financial Implications

First Nations Cultural Centre

\$20,000 is required for this project. An additional \$20,000 has been secured through other funders to outline the business case for the project.



Tsilhqot'in Recognition

\$10,000 is required for the planning of the recognition site.

Sani-Loop

\$5,000 is the total estimated budget for this project.

Forestry Initiatives

\$13,000 is being requested through Cariboo Strong. The City of Quesnel has committed an additional \$20,000 through Wildfire Reserve Funds.

Snow-Ball

Approximately \$6,500 was spent for the Snow-Ball tournament in 2018. The remaining \$8,500 would be used for an even larger tournament in 2019.

Cariboo Strong Overview

Project	Budget
North Cariboo Trails Project	\$33,000
City of Quesnel Economic Transition Strategy	\$10,000
Forestry Think Tank	\$10,000
EV Charging Station Assessment	\$3,000
District of Wells website	\$14,000
First Nations Cultural Centre Design	\$20,000
Tsilhqot'in Recognition Site	\$10,000
Sani-Loop planning	\$5,000
Forestry Initiative	\$13,000
2018 Snow Ball tournament	\$6,500
2019 Snow Ball tournament	\$8,500
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