



**Date:** 12/09/2018

## **AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY**

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**To:** Chair and Directors, Cariboo Regional District Board  
**And To:** John MacLean, Chief Administrative Officer  
**From:** Darron Campbell, Manager of Community Services  
**Date of Meeting:** Cariboo Regional District Board\_Sep21\_2018  
**File:** 7100-02

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### **Short Summary:**

Low Mobility Wilderness Trails Network Expansion Project NDIT Application

### **Voting:**

Corporate Vote – Unweighted

### **Memorandum:**

Please find attached an application to the Northern Development Initiative Trust (NDIT) from the Cariboo Regional District. The request is for \$30,000 in grant funding from the Cariboo-Chilcotin/Lillooet Regional Development Account, under Community Halls and Recreation Facilities.

In 2016, the Regional District received a \$10,000 BC Rural Dividend Project Development grant for the creation of a low mobility trails assessment and inventory study to locate and assess potential low mobility trails sites in the Chilcotin, central Cariboo and portions of the south Cariboo in order to expand the Regional District's existing low mobility trails network.

In 2018, using the study as a guide, the Region chose three trails to be developed into low mobility trails at three different sites: Big Lake Community Hall, Moffat Falls Recreation Site and Bull Canyon Provincial Park. Following development of these trails, the network will feature 22 accessible trails throughout the Cariboo Chilcotin.

Three additional trail sites examined in the study have been selected to be developed in 2019, which will involve partnerships with local community groups. The trail sites recommended for development are:

<b>Site</b>	<b>Community Group</b>
Nimpo Lake Community Trails	West Chilcotin Tourism Association
Eagle's Nest Trail Network (Anahim Lake)	West Chilcotin Tourism Association
Bullion Pit	Likely and District Chamber of Commerce

The application is based on site plans and partnerships with these community groups, but if during the course of project delivery, a particular trail is unable to be completed or additional funding is secured then other new trail opportunities may be explored.

A project coordinator retained on a contract basis will be necessary to assist the groups and provide guidance on standards, suppliers and grant program requirements. The project coordinator position is part of the grant funding application and will be subject to a Request for Proposals once the grant funding is approved.

Other funding for the project, which has a total value of \$130,000, is proposed to come from the BC Rural Dividend Program.

For projects seeking approval in 2019, the Cariboo-Chilcotin/Lillooet Regional Development Account has a balance of approximately \$1.5 million available for grants.

Prior to forwarding the proposal to the NDIIT for Regional Advisory Committee (RAC) for consideration, all Regional Development Account applications require a resolution of support from the local government with jurisdiction in the project.

The Regional District has embraced the development of an accessible trails network in the Cariboo Chilcotin to increase outdoor wilderness recreation opportunities for people of all mobility levels and to create a niche market to help diversify the local economy.

**Attachments:**

1. Low Mobility Wilderness Trails Network Expansion project – 2018 NDIIT Application
2. Low Mobility Trails Inventory and Assessment Study 2017

**Financial Implications:**

None.

**Policy Implications:**

n/a

**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 endorsement of the recommendation;
- 2) Receipt and other action;

3) Defer

**Recommendation:**

That the agenda item summary from Darron Campbell, Manager of Community Services, dated September 12, 2018, regarding a grant application from the Cariboo Regional District to the Northern Development Initiative Trust for \$30,000 in funding from the Cariboo-Chilcotin/Lillooet Regional Development Account for development of low mobility trails at sites in the Chilcotin and central Cariboo, be received. Further, that the application be submitted as attached.