AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY

To: Chair and Directors, Cariboo Regional District Board
And To: John MacLean, Chief Administrative Officer
From: Adi Gurung, Regional Economic/Community Development Officer
Date of Meeting: Cariboo Regional District Board_Oct12_2018
File: 510-04

Short Summary:
NDIT Application – Forest Grove Community Hall Improvement

Voting:
Corporate Vote - Unweighted

Memorandum:
For the Board’s consideration, please find attached an application to the Northern Development Initiative Trust (NDIT) from the Forest Grove & District Recreation Society. The request is for $30,000 in grant funding under the Community Halls and Recreation Facilities program.

The funding will be used to improve insulation of ceiling, bathroom and kitchen as well as installation of new siding on the exterior of the Forest Grove Community Hall. The applicant indicates that the proposed project will be a great opportunity to improve event hosting capacity of the hall. By having a functioning hall, events such as weddings and anniversaries of local residents as well as regional events such as music festivals and farmer’s market can be hosted in Forest Grove. This has the potential to assist the local and regional economy by bringing visitors to the community and providing local businesses with the opportunity to service these events and generate additional revenue.

Other funding for the project, which has an estimated total value of $68,204.73, is proposed to come from the Cariboo Regional District Community Works Fund, to support increasing the R-value of the building insulation and improving energy efficiency of the Electoral Area H Community Hall function. The applicant is donating an in-kind contribution of $1,000.

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

Attachments:
Forest Grove 2018 NDIT - Application Form - CHRF

Financial Implications:
None.

**Policy Implications:**
Policy No. 2017-3A-33 (Northern Development Initiative Trust Applications Policy) states:

*That in the absence of knowledge of material legal, ethical, or other improprieties, the CRD will support all applications to the NDIT for funding, without regard to the project’s merit.*

**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;
2) Receipt and endorsement of the recommendation;
3) Defer

**Recommendation:**
That the agenda item summary from Adi Gurung, Regional Economic/Community Development Officer, dated October 1, 2018, regarding a grant application from the Forest Grove & District Recreation Society to the Northern Development Initiative, for $30,000 in funding from the Community Halls and Recreation Facilities Program to perform improvements at the Forest Grove Community Hall, be received. Further, that the application be supported.