



**Date:** 18/10/2018

## **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\_Nov09\_2018

**File:** 0260-34

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### **Short Summary:**

100 Mile Nordics Ski Society – Community Works Funding Support for a LED Lighting Project

### **Voting:**

Corporate Vote - Weighted

### **Memorandum:**

An application for up to \$40,000 of Community Works Funding was received from the 100 Mile Nordics Ski Society to install a new LED lighting system at the 99 Mile Ski Trails.

In May 2018, the Regional District committed to be an official project partner with the 100 Mile Nordics Ski Society in their request for \$388,375 under the Rural Dividend Special Circumstances program. It was intended that the partnership involve a potential contribution of \$40,000 from the Regional District's CWF program.

The Society has been approved for the full amount of Rural Dividend Funding and plans to begin installing foundations for the lighting poles as soon as possible, weather permitting.

The current 3.5km long lighting system, installed by the Society on a cross-country ski trail in the mid-1980s, consists of 86 175-400 Watt mercury vapour (HID) lamps. The system has reached the end of its effective lifespan, is not energy efficient and needs replacing.

The desired new, energy efficient lighting system will light about 4km of ski trail and consist of 78 60-Watt LED Philips lamps. The system will be virtually maintenance free and fire proof, with a lifespan of over 30 years.

LED lights will significantly decrease energy use; it is expected the new lighting will result in energy savings of 3,500 kWh per year.

The Regional District has contributed CWF funds from the Community Hall Improvements envelope to similar lighting upgrade projects at other recreation facilities, including the Hallis Lake Ski Centre in the north Cariboo and the Alex Fraser Park indoor riding arena in Quesnel.

Because the 99-Mile ski facility is not owned by the CRD, a contribution agreement between the Regional District and the 100 Mile Nordics Ski Society is required for this project by UBCM under its Gas Tax Sharing Master Agreement with the federal government.

Under the terms of the agreement, the community group is responsible for managing the project, maintaining financial records, reporting on measurable results and retaining ownership of the asset for a minimum of 10 years.

**Attachments:**

- 1) Rural Dividend request from the 100 Mile Nordics Ski Society
- 2) CWF project request package for the 100 Mile Nordics Ski Society

**Financial Implications:**

The proposal from the 100 Mile Nordics Ski Society requests up to \$40,000 from the Community Hall Improvements envelope of the CWF program.

The Board approved the CWF funding schedule for 2018, including the Community Hall Improvements envelope, which had a total of \$150,000 available. If this application from the 100 Mile Nordics Ski Society is approved, \$40,000 will be committed through the Community Hall Improvements envelope, leaving a balance of \$89,300 available for community hall projects.

**Policy Implications:**

None. The Board approved the CWF funding schedule for 2018, including the Community Hall Energy Improvements envelope.

**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) Endorse the recommendation; 2) Receipt only; 3) Rejection.

**Recommendation:**

That the agenda item summary from Darron Campbell, Manager of Community Services, dated October 18, 2018, regarding a proposal from the 100 Mile Nordics Ski Society to install a new LED lighting system and, if possible, complete any other related, minor services at the 99 Mile Ski Trails, be received. Further, that up to \$40,000 for the project be approved from the 2018 Community Hall Energy Improvements envelope of the Community Works Fund and that the appropriate signatories be authorized to enter into the necessary contribution agreement with the 100 Mile Nordics Society.