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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_Feb08_2019

File: 1855-04

Short Summary:

NDIT Grant Application Williams Lake Cycling Club - Firefox Upgrade

Voting:

Corporate Vote - Unweighted

Memorandum:

For the Board's consideration, please find attached an application to the Northern Development Initiative Trust (NDIT) from the Williams Lake Cycling Club. The request is for \$30,000 in grant funding under the Community Halls and Recreation Facilities Program.

The project aims to improve the Fox Fire mountain bike trail which is located about 5 km from the city core of Williams lake and has paved vehicle access at either end making it highly accessible for families, children and seniors. Upgrade work will focus on making the trail wider and smoother with a progression of berms and jumps to provide a trail option that appeals to a larger and more diverse user base. Investments such as the one proposed are important to help build on the already valuable trail network with the goal of making Williams Lake one of the premier mountain bike destinations and attractive places to live and visit.

Other funding for the project, which has a total value of \$44,500, has been approved to come from the Central Cariboo Recreation trail agreement with the Williams Lake Cycling Club (\$10,000) and (\$4,500) in the form of in-kind donations and services. A copy of the application to Northern Development Initiative Trust is attached with this agenda as a detailed project background.

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:

NDIT-Application-Form-CHRF_WL Cycling Club_2019

Financial Implications:

No additional funding is requested by the club for the project. The WLCC has a three-year trail maintenance agreement with the City of Williams Lake that is funded through the Central Cariboo Recreation function in the amount of \$20,000 per year.

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:

I concur with the recommendation.

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 January 28, 2019, regarding a grant application from the Williams Lake Cycling Club to the Northern Development Initiative Trust for \$30,000 in funding from the Community Halls and Recreation Facilities Program to upgrade the Fox Fire mountain bike trail, be received. Further, that the application be supported.