



**Date:** 12/02/2019

## **AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY**

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**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\_Mar01\_2019

**File:** 1855-04

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### **Short Summary:**

NDIT Application - Billie Bouchie Day Celebration, 3rd Annual

### **Voting:**

Corporate Vote - Unweighted

### **Memorandum:**

For the Board's consideration, please find attached an application to the Northern Development Initiative Trust (NDIT) from the Friends of Bouchie-Milburn Society. The request is for \$2,500 in grant funding under the Fabulous Festivals and Events Program.

The event is a multi-cultural, collaborative event focused on celebrating community and heritage with an emphasis on the contributions of the Metis, First Nations and early settlers to the region. It is open to public with no attendance fee and provides opportunities for people to come together, celebrate music, build community connections and support creativity. The past two years of successfully hosting this event have helped to raise the profile of this community, particularly its history in terms of the voyageurs, the Telegraph Trail and the fur trade. The organizers of this event anticipate this recognition and increase in traffic to the region will foster economic activities in the community to the benefit of small businesses such as bed and breakfasts, RV sites, and restaurants.

Other funding for the project, which has a total value of \$18,000, has been proposed by the applicant.

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-FFE Application - Billie Bouchie Day Celebrations 3rd Annual

### **Financial Implications:**

None

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**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 February 12, 2019, regarding a grant application from the Friends of Bouchie-Milburn Society to the Northern Development Initiative Trust for \$2,500 in funding from the Fabulous Festivals and Events Program to support their 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Billie Bouchie Day Celebration event, be received. Further, that the application be supported.