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AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY

To: Central Cariboo/City of Williams Lake Joint Committee

And To: John MacLean, Chief Administrative Officer

From: Adi Gurung, Regional Economic/Community Development Officer

Date of Meeting: Central Cariboo Joint Committee_Jan23_2019

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Short Summary:

Alexis Creek Outdoor Arena Project - Cariboo Strong Funding

Voting:

Voting – Electoral Areas D, E, F, J, K, and Council

Ratification Required by CRD and COWL

Memorandum:

The Alexis Creek Community Club (ACCC) has planned a project to re-construct an outdoor arena in Alexis Creek. It is intended that the project is funded by grant applications to several identified sources including matching funding of up to \$20,000 from Central Cariboo allocation of the Regional District's Cariboo Strong Program.

The site of focus for this project is the Alexis Creek outdoor multipurpose arena. Years prior, the arena was used for tennis, badminton, ball hockey and other summer recreational purposes. Over the past years, the arena has lacked any major investment into maintaining or upgrading the structures on the site and as of 2018, it is only usable as a public ice rink for two to three months of the year. The objective of this project is to upgrade the current outdoor arena in order to make it usable year-round for recreation activities as well as develop it as an event hosting site to conduct differing community events.

Other funding for the project, which has a total value of \$420,000, is proposed to be provided by the Invest in Canada Infrastructure Program - Rural and Northern Communities Program (\$315,000), Northern Development Initiative Trust - Community Halls and Recreation Program (\$30,000) and (\$55,000) to be raised through community fund raising and donations. A copy of the ALCC's project plan is attached with this agenda item as a detailed project background.

Attachments:

ACCC project plan - Alexis Creek Outdoor Arena Project

Financial Implications:

The proposal from the ACCC requests up to \$20,000 from the Central Cariboo Allocation of the Cariboo Strong Program.

The Cariboo Regional District Board has approved the sub-regional allocations of Cariboo Strong funding, including the Central Cariboo allocation which has a total of \$133,333, of which \$31,663 has been approved, leaving a balance of \$101,670 available.

If this request from the ACCC is approved, \$20,000 will be committed through the central Cariboo allocation, leaving a balance of \$81,670 available for eligible projects in the future.

Policy Implications:

The CRD Board reviewed the Cariboo Strong grant program in early 2018 and delegated the approval process authority to the sub-regional joint committees. Since that time, funding has been approved based on projects brought forward directly to the committee for consideration.

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 recommendation;
- 2) Receipt and other action;
- 3) Defer

Recommendation:

That the agenda item summary from Adi Gurung, Regional Economic & Community Development Officer, dated January 15, 2019, regarding the Alexis Creek Community Club Outdoor Arena Project and Cariboo Strong funding support, be received. Further, that up to \$20,000 for the project be approved from the Central Cariboo allocation of the Cariboo Strong program, subject to confirmation of approval from the project's other funding sources.