

To: Chair and Directors, Cariboo Regional District Board **And To:** John MacLean, Chief Administrative Officer

From: Adi Gurung, Regional Economic/Community Development Officer

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Short Summary:

NDIT Application - Williams Lake Cross Country Ski Club Storage Facility

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 Cross Country Ski Club. The request is for \$30,000 in grant funding under the Community Halls and Recreation Facilities program.

The funding will be used for construction of a storage facility to house the Clubs' grooming equipment and ski rental equipment. The applicant indicates that the proposed project will be a great opportunity for the Club to increase their capacity to provide services such as ski rentals and ski lessons. It will also benefit the local economy through employment generation as the rentals will allow the Club to hire seasonal part time positions, to provide ski lessons, rent equipment and sell day use passes.

Other funding of the project, which has a total value of \$299,508, is proposed to be provided by the Invest in Canada Infrastructure Program - Rural and Northern Communities Program (\$224,508) as well as the Cariboo Regional District (\$34,000), City of Williams Lake (\$2,000), West Fraser Truckers (\$5,000) and Williams Lake Cross Country Ski Club (\$4,000).

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:

WLCCSC 2018 NDIT - Application Form - CHRF

Financial Implications:

None. Separate approvals are either complete or in progress for the Cariboo Regional District contribution to the project through the Grants for Assistance program and the Cariboo Strong allocation for the central Cariboo.

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

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 November 19, 2018, regarding a grant application from the Williams Lake Cross Country Ski Club to the Northern Development Initiative Trust for \$30,000 in funding from the Community Halls and Recreation Facilities Program to construct a storage facility at Bull Mountain, be received. Further, that the application be supported.