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AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY

To: South Cariboo Joint Committee

And To: John MacLean, Chief Administrative Officer

From: Darron Campbell, Manager of Community Services

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Short Summary:

100 Mile House Curling Club Use and Occupancy Agreement Renewals

Voting:

By Consensus

Memorandum:

The Regional District currently has two agreements with the 100 Mile House Curling Club at the South Cariboo Recreation Centre: one is for the operations of the curling rink during the ice season and the other is for occupancy of the upstairs lounge. These five-year agreements expired at the end of March 2019.

Staff has discussed the agreements with the president of the club and there are no concerns with the arrangement. The club wishes to renew the agreements for another five-year term.

The club currently pays \$12,000 per year for the use of the facilities. This revenue supports operation of the geothermal ice plant that provides refrigeration to the curling rinks as well as the arena.

Under the agreements, the utilities for the curling rink during the ice season are covered by the Regional District through the South Cariboo Recreation budget, which has a budget of \$5,000 for these expenses in 2019. The cost of utilities was reduced significantly with the extension of the geothermal heating system into the curling rink as part of an energy efficiency upgrade project for the recreation centre and has remained stable ever since.

It is reasonable that the agreements be renewed under the current terms and fee structure to continue to allow the club to build reserve funds for planned equipment purchases and capital improvements to the facility. The club's capital equipment plan and activities report is attached to this agenda item. These are capital purchases funded by the club directly through revenues they generate with lounge rentals, bonspiels and membership fees.

Attachments:

- 1) 100 Mile House Curling Club Occupancy Agreement
- 2) 100 Mile House Curling Club Operating Agreement
- 3) 2017-2018 Curling Club Annual Report

Financial Implications:

Under the current agreement and proposed renewal, the curling club pays \$12,000 per season, which is revenue for the South Cariboo Recreation function (1546) budget. An allocation of \$5,000 is also in the recreation budget specifically to cover utility costs at the curling rink.

Policy Implications:

None. The annual fee of \$12,000 is a reasonable cost recovery for the curling rink. Prior to the merger of the South Cariboo Recreation functions in 2010, about \$32,000 was allocated to the arena budget each year from the curling rink budget to support operation of the ice plant and maintenance provided by Canlan Ice Sports.

Alignment with Strategic Plan:

- ☐ Ensuring Sufficient and Sustainable Funding
- ☒ Building on our Relationships
- ☒ Providing Cost Effective High Quality Services
- ☐ Focusing on Being Well Governed

Appropriately supporting volunteer groups that deliver public recreation services remains the most cost effective method of creating recreation opportunities for residents.

CAO Comments:

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Options:

- 1) Endorse the recommendation, 2) Receipt and other action, 3) Defer

Recommendation:

That the agenda item summary dated March 1, 2019 from Darron Campbell, Manager of Community Services, regarding a proposed renewal of the operating and occupancy agreements with the 100 Mile House Curling Club, be received. Further, that the agreements be renewed for a five-year term with the current conditions, including an annual fee of \$12,000 payable by the club and that the appropriate signatories be authorized to execute the agreements.