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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

Date of Meeting: South Cariboo Joint Committee_Apr8_2019

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Short Summary:

Use and Occupancy Agreement Renewal with the 100 Mile Agriplex Society

Voting:

By Consensus

Memorandum:

The current one-year use and occupancy agreement between the Cariboo Regional District and the 100 Mile Agriplex Society for the agriplex building (former Stan Halcro Arena) adjacent to the South Cariboo Recreation Centre expired at the end of March 2019.

The previous agreement for the agriplex had a term of one year in anticipation of a potential expansion of the recreation centre to include a turf field, hardcourt and walking track, which would require the removal of the agriplex building.

A referendum for the borrowing required for the recreation centre expansion project did not pass in June 2018, so imminent removal of the agriplex building is no longer a consideration.

At its meeting in February 2019 the South Cariboo Joint Committee determined that the priority goal for the South Cariboo Recreation function would be to review the taxation boundary prior to any new major infrastructure projects being developed.

As with agreements for the agriplex prior to 2018, it is reasonable that an extended term be included to provide stability for the society and their members groups. To this end, a renewal term of three years is proposed to allow the society to continue to build on recent success to increase utilization of the facility, including more equine users from the Outriders club and non-traditional use such as an event with the snowmobile club.

Under the agreement, the society acts as a steward of community access to the building and is responsible for all maintenance and scheduling as well as capital and operational costs.

The agriplex society has indicated that they wish to renew the agreement for a three-year term and continue to occupy the building at the current terms and conditions.

The Regional District is owner of the agriplex building, which was initially planned for demolition following construction of the modern recreation centre in 2003.

Attachments:

Agriplex Use and Occupancy Agreement (original agreement followed by subsequent renewals)

Financial Implications:

Under the current agreement, Canlan Ice Sports, as the manager/operator of the South Cariboo Recreation Centre, pays 50% of the actual utility costs to the society to cover hydro for parking lot lights and the sewer lift station that is located within the agriplex building, but serves the entire complex.

These costs, estimated at up to \$2,000 annually, are included in the operating budget for the South Cariboo Recreation Centre and no amendment to this section of the agreement is proposed.

Policy Implications:

None. The agreement provides for consideration of renewal.

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 recommendation
- 2) Receipt only
- 3) Defer.

Recommendation:

That the agenda item summary from Darron Campbell, Manager of Community Services, dated March 1, 2019, regarding renewal of the Use and Occupancy Agreement with the 100 Mile Agriplex Society for the agriplex building adjacent to the South Cariboo Recreation Centre, be received. Further, that the agreement be renewed for three years at the current terms and conditions until March 31, 2022 and that the appropriate signatories be authorized to enter into the renewal agreement.