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AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY

To: Central Cariboo/City of Williams Lake Joint Committee
And To: John MacLean, Chief Administrative Officer
From: Darron Campbell, Manager of Community Services
Date of Meeting: Central Cariboo Joint Committee_May22_2019
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Short Summary:

Esler Recreation Advisory Commission - 2019 Spring Meeting Minutes and Recommendations

Voting:

Electoral Areas D, E, and F, and City of Williams Lake

Memorandum:

Please find attached the minutes from the Esler Recreation Advisory Commission (ERAC) spring meeting held May 14, 2019.

Williams Lake Slo-Pitch League and the Williams Lake Soccer Associations confirmed that participation continues to grow and use of the Esler Sports Complex is high. Soccer has more than 1,000 registered players with all youth and adults now playing games at the Esler complex, and WL Slo-Pitch has 750 adult players on 30 teams. Williams Lake Minor Fastball did not have a representative at the meeting.

As noted in the minutes, the commission endorsed the proposed capital projects for Slo-Pitch and Soccer. Funding of \$7,500 each for capital projects for the two groups is included the 2019 Central Cariboo Recreation and Leisure Services (CCRLS) budget.

The two groups also discussed working cooperatively on field maintenance and a major field rejuvenation project including top-dressing the existing playing fields to support better turf growth and resilience.

Staff informed the group about the 2019 business plan goal to construct a better access road into the sports complex directly off Highway 20. CRD staff have submitted grant applications to support the construction costs. If approved, construction is most likely to take place in 2020. Redesigning and improving the on-site parking and traffic flow at the complex is also included in the project scope.

The following recommendations from the ERAC are presented for endorsement by the Central Cariboo Joint Committee and further to the Regional District Board.

Attachments:

ERAC meeting minutes of May 14, 2019

Financial Implications:

An allocation of \$15,000 in capital project support for the leagues operating at the Esler Sports Complex is approved in the 2019 Central Cariboo Recreation (1553) Business and Financial Plans. The financial plan also includes an allocation of \$30,000 for community projects and \$10,000 can be provided for a field top dressing project at Esler to encourage more effective water use. Of this \$30,000 allocation, \$10,000 has also been allocated to support the trail bridge replacement with Rotary, \$5,000 for trail works at the 150 Mile Greenbelt and up to \$2,500 for community fireworks. Renewal of the field maintenance agreements is deferred to allow CRD staff to engage with WL Minor Fastball. The current agreements include a \$60,000 contribution per year split between the groups.

Policy Implications:

The Use and Occupancy Agreements between the Regional District and the groups for the Esler complex require approval of capital projects.

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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Options:

- 1) Endorse recommendations
- 2) Receipt only
- 3) Receipt and other action
- 4) Defer

Recommendation:

That the agenda item summary from Darron Campbell, Manager of Community Services, dated May 16, 2019, and attached minutes from the Esler Recreation Advisory Commission meeting held May 14, 2019, be received. Further, that the following recommendations from the Commission be considered for endorsement:

- i) that the proposed 2019 capital projects for Williams Lake Slo-Pitch League and Williams Lake Soccer Associations be approved, including: the Slo-Pitch League improvement of infields and updates to signage, and the Williams Lake Soccer Associations top-dressing fields, replacement of deck stairs and improved water system for the clubhouse. And further, that \$7,500 to each group for approved capital

projects be provided as allocated in the Central Cariboo Recreation and Leisure Services (CCRLS) 2019 budget.

- ii) that \$10,000 be allocated in the community projects envelope of the Central Cariboo Recreation and Leisure Services budget for a co-operative field top-dressing project to encourage more effective water use through improvement of the fields' water retention.
- iii) that the Esler Recreation Advisory Commission members for 2019 be appointed as follows: Linda Barbondy for the WL Slo-Pitch League, Brian Hansen for the WL Soccer Associations, Nick Surette for WL Minor Fastball, and Bruce Newbery and Pierre Mayette for the Esler Community Association.