



**Date:** 14/08/2019

## **AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY**

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**To:** Chair and Directors, Cariboo Regional District Board

**And To:** John MacLean, Chief Administrative Officer

**From:** Anthony Okechukwu, Regional Economic/Community Development Officer

**Date of Meeting:** Cariboo Regional District Board\_Aug23\_2019

**File:** 1855-05

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**Short Summary:**

NDIT Application - Williams Lake Youth Soccer Association Phase 1 Field and Facility Upgrade

**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 Youth Soccer Association. The request is for \$30,000 in grant funding under the Community Halls and Recreation Facilities Program.

The proposed project aims to upgrade and repair the soccer fields and clubhouse at the Esler Sports Complex, which is necessary to maintain the safety and integrity of the facility, provide outdoor programme in a cost-effective manner and become more energy efficient and environmentally friendly. The field surface is reaching the end of its effective lifespan and has become badly deteriorated, resulting in decreased quality of game play and an increase in the number of injuries and incidents on the fields.

Other funding for the project, which has a total value of \$118,940.49, is proposed to be provided through a grant from the City of Williams Lake (\$5,000), Williams Lake Youth Soccer Association (\$38,604.49) and \$45,336.00 from the Community Gaming Capital Project grant. A copy of the application to Northern Development Initiative Trust is attached as a detailed project background.

Currently, the NDIT Cariboo Chilcotin Lillooet Regional Account has about \$750,000 available for this grant program intake, which is the last one for 2019 funding. Staff at NDIT have advised that there is a high volume of applications as well so it is expected most of this remaining balance will be allocated.

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:**

- 1) NDIT Application Form – CHRF
- 2) WLYSA Project Description

**Financial Implications:**

None. No financial support is requested from the Regional District for the project. The Region contributes to both capital projects and field maintenance at the Esler Sports Complex through multi-year contracts with the user groups from the Central Cariboo Recreation function budget.

**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

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**CAO Comments:**

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**Options:**

- 1) Receipt
- 2) Approval of the recommendation
- 3) Defer

**Recommendation:**

That the agenda item summary from Anthony Okechukwu, Regional Economic/Community Development Officer, dated August 14, 2019, regarding a grant application from the Williams Lake Youth Soccer Association to the Northern Development Initiative Trust for \$30,000 from the Community Halls and Recreation Facilities Program to upgrade and repair the fields and clubhouse at the Esler Sports Complex, be received. Further, that the application be supported.