



**Date:** 16/08/2019

## **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

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### **Short Summary:**

Letter of Support Request – Cariboo Agricultural Research Alliance Proposal

### **Voting:**

Corporate Vote - Unweighted

### **Memorandum:**

For the Board's consideration, please find attached a request letter of support from the Climate Action Initiative on behalf of the Cariboo Agricultural Research Alliance (CARA) to the BC Rural Dividend Program. The request is for \$79,369.00 in grant funding under the Rural Dividend Fund.

CARA had advised that the project was as a result of the identified need to increase local adaptation research and extension activities as a high priority for the region and was determined that a regional research alliance was the best needed to address these needs. It aims to host two workshops and 3-5 travelling seminars to highlight local research and innovative management practices that increase the competitiveness of agri-businesses throughout the Region, develop and deliver extension materials and implement the First Nations and New Entrant Engagement Strategy, and help communities develop capacity to realize their strategic plan's objectives around agricultural development and food security.

Other funding for the project, which has a total value of \$100,000.00, has been committed from the Beef Cattle Industry Development Fund.

### **Attachments:**

Letter of Support request

### **Financial Implications:**

None

### **Policy Implications:**

None

**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 16, 2019, regarding a letter of support request from the BC Agricultural & Food Climate Action Initiative on behalf of the Cariboo Agricultural Research Alliance to the BC Rural Dividend Program for \$79,369.00 in funding for the extension development and community engagement project, be received. Further, that the letter of support be provided as requested.