



Date: 19/09/2019

AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY

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_Oct04_2019

File: 1855-01

Short Summary:

Letter of Support Request – Wells and Area Trail Society Proposal

Voting:

Corporate Vote - Unweighted

Memorandum:

For the Board's consideration, please find attached an application to the BC Rural Dividend Program from the Wells and Area Trail Society. The request is for \$79,190.00 in grant funding under the Rural Dividend Fund.

The applicant indicates that the proposed project is important as it will provide trail access to the forest north of Wells, enabling development of forest education and research programs close to the Wells - Barkerville school, and providing a link between Wells and the visitor attractions of the Cornish Mountain recreational trail system and Goldfields Lookout. The program will significantly enhance tourism opportunities, create jobs, diversify the local economy, build resilience and awareness of climate change.

Other funding for the project, which has a total value of \$99,118.00, will be provided by the Wells and Area Trail Society.

Attachments:

BC Rural Dividend Application Form – Wells and Area Trail Society

Financial Implications:

None.

Policy Implications:

None.

Alignment with Strategic Plan:

- ☐ **Communication:** Facilitate communication strategies throughout the entire Cariboo Regional District that meet the needs of residents, community stakeholders, and other levels of government.
- ☐ **Planning:** Intentionally plan services and activities of the CRD to prepare for future needs of residents and community stakeholders.
- ☒ **Economic Sustainability:** Foster an environment to ensure the economic sustainability of CRD communities and the region.
- ☐ **Governance:** Ensure that CRD governance policy and practices are intentional, transparent, and respectful.

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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 September 19, 2019, regarding a letter of support request from the Wells and Area Trail Society to the BC Rural Dividend Program for \$79,190.00 in funding for the Wells school to forest trail development project, be received. Further, that the letter of support be provided as requested.