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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_Sep13_2019

File: 1855-04

Short Summary:

NDIT Application – Williams Lake Cycling Club Traditional Place Names and Kiosk Project

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 Cycling Club. The request is for \$30,000 in grant funding under the Community Halls and Recreation Facilities Program.

The funding will be used to improve upon the trail head signage, amenities on the trails and the experience of being on the land. The applicant indicates that the proposed project will focus on specific vacant spaces, with the addition of two trail head map kiosks, three benches in key viewpoints with information kiosks and nine wayfinding signs installed at key trail intersections. Projects such as this are important to help build on the already valuable trail network.

Other funding for the project, which has a total value of \$43,000 will be provided by the Williams Lake Cycling Club (\$13,000). 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:

NDIT Application Form – CHRF_WL Cycling Club

Financial Implications:

None. The club has not requested support for matching funding from the Regional District for this project; however, through the Central Cariboo Recreation and Leisure Services function, the CRD and City of Williams Lake have entered into a contribution agreement with the club for trail maintenance and improvements in the amount of \$20,000 per year.

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:

- ☐ **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 August 30, 2019, regarding a grant application from the Williams Lake Cycling Club to the Northern Development Initiative Trust for \$30,000 from the Community Halls and Recreation Facilities Program to improve local trail networks with traditional place names and map kiosks, be received. Further, that the application be supported.