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AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY

To: Chair and Directors, Cariboo Regional District Board

And To: John MacLean, Chief Administrative Officer

From: Alice Johnston, Manager of Corporate Services/Deputy CAO

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Short Summary:

Request from Director Forseth – Director Initiative Fund Use for Signage

Voting:

Policy requires 2/3rds of Electoral Area Directors in Favour

Memorandum:

Director Forseth has submitted the following request:

That policy be waived and that up to \$1,000 be authorized from the Area 'D' Director Initiative Fund for the installation of "Rural Crime Watch" signage in the McLeese Lake community to be completed by the McLeese Lake Recreation Society.

Waiving policy is not recommended; however, there have been other situations when electoral areas have used Director Initiative Funds for similar signage.

Attachments:

None

Financial Implications:

Sufficient funds exist in the Area D Director Initiative Fund to accommodate this request.

Policy Implications:

Policy No. 11-11A-12(3) Director Initiative Funds states:

Director Initiative funds are discretionary funds to be used on a limited basis for:

- the cost for a Director's attendance at seminars/workshops associated with development as an elected official other than training offered by NCLGA and UBCM or specifically contained in the Board's Electoral Area Administration budget;

- the cost for a Director to conduct meetings within their Electoral Area on topics of interest to their constituents provided those topics are not inconsistent with established Board policies or decisions;
- the cost of a Director's additional travel outside of the region for special initiatives of importance to their electoral area. An example of such travel would be to meet with provincial or federal ministers with respect to an issue, provided that the matter is not contrary to established Board policies or decisions;
- annual volunteer appreciation events (no staff resources are provided for the organization/planning of such events); and
- the cost of Long Service Recognition for CRD Commissioners including:
 - o the purchase of a retirement gift as a long service award to members of CRD Commissions who have served a minimum of 5 years,
 - o hosting a luncheon or similar venue to present long service awards.

Ineligible projects include:

- attending general interest seminars, workshops or conferences unrelated to the business of the Cariboo Regional District;
- hosting special events such as community luncheons, dinners, barbeques, etc. (other than annual volunteer appreciation events);
- advertising, mail-outs or other media except as related to conducting a meeting approved in accordance with the above guidelines; and
- providing funds, gifts, or favours to third parties.

Process:

- Directors may request a requisition in any fiscal year for the Director Initiative Fund;
- Funds may be accumulated from year to year provided that the annual allocation for the Director Initiative Fund does not exceed \$5,000.
- Requests to access the Director Initiative Fund must be submitted in writing for inclusion on a Board agenda in accordance with the Procedure Bylaw.
- Staff will prepare the appropriate report and will identify whether or not the request meets the conditions of the policy.
- Verbal requests to access the Director Initiative Fund will not be considered
- Funds can only be expended with the approval of 2/3rd of the Electoral Area Directors.

(Resolution No. 11-11A-12(3))
 (Amended by Resolution No. 13-10B-36)
 (Amended by Resolution No. 2015-8-52)

This request does not meet the intent of the policy.

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, waive policy, and authorize funds as requested;
- 2) Receipt only;
- 3) Receipt and other action.

Recommendation:

That the agenda item summary from Alice Johnston, Manager of Corporate Services/Deputy CAO, dated September 4, 2019, regarding a request from Director Forseth to access up to \$1,000 from Electoral Area D Director Initiative funds for the installation of “Rural Crime Watch” signage in the McLeese Lake community to be completed by the McLeese Lake Recreation Society, be received. *Further action at the discretion of the Board.*