



**Date:** 10/10/2019

**To:** Chair and Directors, Cariboo Regional District Board  
**And To:** John MacLean, Chief Administrative Officer  
**From:** Alice Johnston, Manager of Corporate Services/Deputy CAO  
**Date of Meeting:** Cariboo Regional District Board\_Oct25\_2019  
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### Short Summary:

A Request from Director Forseth to Withdraw Funding Support for Central Cariboo Housing Study

### Voting:

Corporate Vote - Weighted

### Memorandum:

Director Forseth has submitted the following:

“The last Board held discussions in regards to the *Cariboo Strong* budget and agreed to fund two initiatives – a manpower needs study with our municipal and indigenous partners and that is currently underway. Another is a housing needs study which is currently underway in North Cariboo. Williams Lake City Council at its’ meeting on October 8<sup>th</sup> agreed to form a Technical Committee to complete a Central Cariboo Housing Study. The Committee would be chaired by a Williams Lake City Councillor and would include representatives of the Regional District, BC Housing rep and a Social Planning Council rep. The full Williams Lake City Staff report can be viewed at <https://williamslake.civicweb.net/filepro/documents/102463?preview=110812&attachmenturl=%2FFileStorage%2F42A741300FD44B168C99D33DBE4A6BF9-October%2525208%2525202019-C2a.pdf>

The full budget for this Central Cariboo Housing Study is broken down as follows:

- Regional District - \$85,000 (Cariboo Strong Funds)
- City of Williams Lake - \$15,000 (which includes a \$10,000 NDIT Grant)

The process the City of Williams Lake is following is the same one that the North Cariboo is doing with its’ Housing Study with the North Cariboo Housing Study being completed sometime this fall

The Province of BC has mandated that **each** local government (Municipality or Regional District) complete a Housing Needs Study every 5 years and the 1<sup>st</sup> Housing Needs Study for every local government in BC must be complete by **April of 2022** – more on the requirement [here](#)

With regard to the Central Cariboo Housing Study – the Central Cariboo Rural Directors’ have yet to be engaged and I would strenuously argue that before a Housing Study is to be funded and the Regional District participate in such a study, the following should have been jointly discussed between WL City Council/CRD Directors for Areas D,E,F,J,K:

- Makeup of Technical Committee
- Scope of Study – City of WL plus Areas D,E,F or City of WL and Areas D,E,F,J,K
- Goals/Objectives of Study
- Engagement of Rural Communities and how that will occur (Social Media, mailout, public meeting(s))

**RECOMMENDATION:**

That a letter be forwarded to the City of Williams Lake advising that the Regional District is withdrawing its’ financial support of \$85,000 for the Central Cariboo Housing Study and Staff be directed to report back as soon as practical on a process for Housing Needs Studies for Central/South Cariboo.”

**Attachments:**

None

**Financial Implications:**

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**Policy Implications:**

N/A

**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) Receipt and further action;
- 3) Deferral.

**Recommendation:**

That the agenda item summary from Alice Johnston, Manager of Corporate Services/Deputy CAO, dated October 10, 2019, regarding a request from Director Forseth to withdraw the CRD’s funding support for the Central Cariboo Housing Needs Study, be received. *Further action at the discretion of the Board.*

