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To: Chair and Directors, Cariboo Regional District Board

And To: John MacLean, Chief Administrative Officer

From: Darron Campbell, Manager of Community Services

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Short Summary:

Application to the British Columbia Air Access Program for Funding to Remove and Replace Fencing at the Anahim Lake Airport

Voting:

Corporate Vote – Unweighted

Memorandum:

The BC Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure has announced the next call for applications under the BC Air Access Program (BCAAP). BCAAP is a component of the 10-year transportation plan, BC on the Move.

For this BCAAP intake, an application will be prepared for up to \$22,500 to support the removal and replacement of a section of fencing at the Anahim Lake Airport to address an infringement into the runway strip and to allow for use of the full runway length at current TP312 5th Edition standards. Availability of the full runway length will allow for more flight passengers and cargo with increased safety due to an increased take off runway available and accelerate stop distance available.

The BCAAP program covers 60% of airside transitional zone projects, such as fencing. The total estimated cost of the project is \$37,500 and there is adequate funding in the Anahim Lake Airport function budget for the required 40% matching funding, amounting to \$15,000. The exact amount of fencing requiring relocation will not be confirmed until spring; however, if the final completion results in a reduced cost of the work at Anahim Lake, additional fencing work will be completed at the Likely Airstrip, with function budgets adjusted accordingly.

Anahim Lake and the surrounding west Chilcotin area is remote and accessible only by rural highway or by air. The Anahim Lake Airport provides essential transportation infrastructure for the area; the airport experiences approximately 1,100 movements per year, an annual average of 22 medevac flights, use by the RCMP and use by the BC Forest Service to fight interface wildfires. There is scheduled flight service through Pacific Coastal Airlines (PCA) seven days a

week in summer and three days a week in winter; PCA transports approximately 1,500 passengers annually to and from the area.

Attachments:

None.

Financial Implications:

If approved, the British Columbia Air Access Program will provide up to 60% of the \$37,500 eligible project costs. There is adequate funding in the Anahim Lake Airport budget for the required 40% matching funding, amounting to \$15,000. Capital reserves for matching funding are also available in the Likely Community Services function if fencing at that location becomes possible.

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) Endorse recommendation;
- 2) Receipt only;
- 3) Defer.

Recommendation:

That the agenda item summary from Darron Campbell, Manager of Community Services, dated January 8, 2020, regarding an application to the British Columbia Air Access Program, be received. Further, that an application be submitted to the British Columbia Air Access Program for up to \$22,500 to remove and replace a section of fencing at the Anahim Lake Airport and that up to \$15,000 be committed from the Anahim Lake Airport function budget to support the project.