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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:

Community Works Funds for Capital Purchasing of COVID-19 Protection at Recreation Centres

Voting:

Corporate Vote - Weighted

Memorandum:

As restrictions issued by the provincial and regional health authorities are reduced, core recreation facilities of the Cariboo Regional District are preparing re-opening plans and procedures to ensure safe operations for the public and staff.

Several capital purchases and upgrades will be necessary to open the South Cariboo Recreation Centre in 100 Mile House, the Cariboo Memorial Recreation Complex in Williams Lake and the Quesnel and District Arts and Recreation Centre and Arenas in Quesnel.

Key components of these COVID-19 safety projects will include permanent protection barriers along front counters and the purchase of disinfecting mist equipment to effectively and efficiently treat high traffic areas in locker rooms and fitness gyms.

Similar to the reopening plans for the Regional District libraries and administrative offices, staff propose utilizing Community Works Funds for these capital projects.

It is expected that once the recreation centres reopen there will be a significant imbalance of lower revenues from restricted operations, combined with an increased cost from additional safety measures, such as cleaning and controls.

Accessing Community Works Funds for these capital items will assist the facilities to continue to meet the 2020 target budget as planned.

Attachments:

None.

Financial Implications:

The estimated cost to install protective barriers at all three facilities and purchase three disinfecting mist machines with sufficient initial treatment chemical is approximately \$40,000.

Policy Implications:

The proposal is consistent with the Regional District COVID-19 Response Plan, as well as functional guidance from Worksafe BC and provincial health authorities.

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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Options:

- 1) Endorse the recommendation;
- 2) Receipt and other action;
- 3) Defer.

Recommendation:

That the agenda item summary from Darron Campbell, Manager of Community Services, dated June 25, 2020, with regard to utilizing Community Works Funds for the capital purchase of COVID-19 protection equipment at the South Cariboo Recreation Centre, the Cariboo Memorial Recreation Complex and the Quesnel and District Arts and Recreation Centre and Arenas, be received. Further, that up to \$40,000 of Community Works Funds be authorized to install protective barriers for front counters, purchase necessary disinfecting equipment, and upgrade other items as necessary to support facility COVID-19 safety plans.