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To: Chair and Directors, Cariboo Regional District Board

And To: Choose an item.

From: John MacLean, Chief Administrative Officer

Date of Meeting: Cariboo Regional District Board_Oct02_2020

File: CERIP – Mountain Resorts

Short Summary:

Community Economic Recovery Infrastructure Program – Mountain Resorts

Voting:

Corporate Vote - Unweighted

Memorandum:

As part of the program to facilitate economic recovery from the impacts of the COVID-19 Pandemic, the Province of British Columbia has announced the Community Economic Recovery Infrastructure Program (CERIP).

The purpose of the program, from the program guide, is as follows:

“The Community Economic Recovery Infrastructure Program (CERIP) was developed by the Government of British Columbia to help communities in British Columbia (B.C.) recover from the economic impacts experienced from Covid-19 as part of the implementation of the [Building BC’s Recovery, Together](#) plan guiding economic recovery from the pandemic.

CERIP supports job creation through small-scale infrastructure projects, destination and economic development initiatives and cultural heritage projects.

The CERIP aims to invest in those capital projects that will help achieve the province’s vision of resilient communities. Specifically, projects will be selected based on their contribution towards immediately creating new employment or re-employing laid off workers in applicant communities by working with local governments, Indigenous governments and communities, not for profit organizations and other sectors.

CERIP is focused on infrastructure projects that contribute to sustainable communities, promote destination development, support urban and rural economic diversification and competitiveness, and strengthen cultural heritage. It provides urban and rural communities with funding assistance for the construction of new, rehabilitation and expansion infrastructure projects and/or supports local business communities and attracts new investments. The CERIP

supports the Province's goals of resiliency and the emerging needs of the post-pandemic B.C. economy through investing in projects that:

- consider the benefits of residents, local businesses and improve the visitor experience;*
- supports tourism sector recovery and will elevate BC's competitiveness as a premier travel destination; and*
- provide critical upgrades that improve energy efficiency, accessibility, emergency preparedness and resilience for all populations.*

The Province has a commitment to uphold reconciliation with Indigenous people, including the [Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples Act](#) and the [Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada's Calls to Action](#). As an umbrella program supporting outcomes from separate partner provincial ministries, CERIP will support community economic resilience, tourism, heritage, urban and rural economic development, and outdoor land-based early learning play spaces recreation for Indigenous communities."

We have been approached by the Mount Timothy Ski Hill to assist them with an application. Mountain Resorts are eligible for the program, but they must apply in partnership with a local government. It is further noted that joint applications with mountain resorts do not count against the two applications that we can submit as a Regional District.

It is our recommendation that we proceed to assist Mount Timothy, and further that we reach out to Troll Mountain to see if they wish to access the program through us as well.

Attachments:

CERIP Program Guide

Financial Implications:

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Policy Implications:

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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
- 3) Deferral

Recommendation:

That the agenda item summary from John M. MacLean, Chief Administrative Officer, dated September 26, 2020, regarding the Community Economic Recovery Infrastructure Program, be received. Further, that staff work with the Mountain Resorts (Mount Timothy and Troll Mountain) on developing partner grant proposals. Further, that staff be directed to bring forward grant proposals for the Board's consideration, together with the partner applications, to the October 23rd meeting.