



Date: 12/11/2020

To: Chair and Directors, Cariboo Regional District Board

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From: John MacLean, Chief Administrative Officer

Date of Meeting: Cariboo Regional District Board_Nov13_2020

File: COVID Restart Funds

Short Summary:

COVID-19 Restart Funds

Voting:

Corporate Vote - Unweighted

Memorandum:

The Province of British Columbia announced funding to assist Local Governments – called the “COVID-19 Safe Restart for Local Governments”. The amount allocated to the Cariboo Regional District is \$837,000.00.

The Province has outlined several opportunities to utilize these funds to benefit our regional community. We feel there is a great opportunity for the Board to look at a variety of opportunities, to be strategic, and to maximize the benefits to our residents.

We are recommending that the potential allocation of these funds be discussed at the next Finance Committee meeting, which will be held early in the New Year. We are aware of several opportunities that are identified in the Strategic Plan which would be good options, as well as a proposal coming out the North Cariboo Joint to support recreation funding.

Attachments:

Letter from the Province of British Columbia

Financial Implications:

There is an infusion of \$837,000 to the Regional District which must be spent and accounted for pursuant to the letter received from the Province of British Columbia. The funds must be allocated prior to **December 31, 2021**.

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:

Receipt and referral.

Recommendation:

That the agenda item summary from John M. MacLean, CAO, dated November 12, 2020, regarding the *COVID-19 Safe Restart Grant for Local Government*, be received. Further, that consideration of the grant allocation of \$837,000 to be received be referred to the next Finance Committee meeting for discussion and direction.