



**Date:** 06/01/2021

**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:

COVID-19 Resiliency Infrastructure Grant Application – Online-Viewing Cameras for Rec Centres

## Voting:

Corporate Vote - Weighted

## Memorandum:

On December 1, 2020, the Canadian and British Columbian governments committed up to \$80.29 million towards the intake of COVID-19 Resiliency Infrastructure Stream (CVRIS) of the Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program to support infrastructure projects in communities across the province. CVRIS is designed to target projects starting before September 30 and completed by December 31, 2021. The deadline for submissions is January 27, 2021. The program is open to local and indigenous governments as well as non-profit groups.

The funding is available for retrofits, repairs and upgrades to local government and indigenous government buildings, health infrastructure and educational infrastructure to allow communities to increase the resiliency and efficiency in preventing the spread of COVID-19. Other available categories include disaster mitigation and adaptation infrastructure projects and development of active transportation networks.

The grant program is a good opportunity to support the purchase and installation of high definition cameras and audio systems over the ice surfaces at recreation centres in the region including the South Cariboo Recreation Centre in 100 Mile House, the Cariboo Memorial Recreation Complex in Williams Lake and the West Fraser Centre and Arena 2 in Quesnel.

This equipment installation would allow remote and high-quality online viewing of events on the ice without spectators in the stands, which is a common and ongoing restriction required or recommended by the provincial Public Health Office. The project would involve the purchase and installation of multiple cameras and sound equipment as well as potentially outdoor viewing screens.

This project is also proposed for an allocation of the Cariboo Regional District COVID-19 Safe Restart Funding to ensure that approved funding is in place and allow final design and implementation planning to begin.

If the CVRIS grant application is successful, the CRD COVID Safe Restart funding will be available to be reallocated to other projects.

### **Attachments:**

None.

### **Financial Implications:**

None. The CVRIS program will provide up to 100% of the eligible project costs estimated at \$250,000 for installation at all sub-regional recreation ice surfaces. Staff are also proposing that this project be considered under the Regional District allocation for COVID-19 Safe Restart funding to enable planning for the project to proceed as soon as possible. The Safe Restart allocation will be brought forward to the Finance Committee meeting January 14, 2021.

The equipment will require ongoing technical maintenance and eventual replacement. Day-to-day maintenance cost is expected to be minimal.

### **Policy Implications:**

The project is identified as a specific 2021 Business Plan goal in the South Cariboo Recreation and Culture function. It is not included in the Central or North Cariboo plans; however, the goal was to be considered in the future following the proof-of-concept installation at the South Cariboo Recreation Centre.

### **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 the recommendation;

2. Receipt and other action at the discretion of the Board;
3. Defer.

**Recommendation:**

That the agenda item summary from Darron Campbell, Manager of Community Services, dated January 6, 2021, regarding an application from the Cariboo Regional District to the COVID-19 Resiliency Infrastructure (CVRIS) grant program, for the installation of online-viewing cameras and audio systems at ice arenas in Quesnel, Williams Lake and 100 Mile House at an estimated total cost of \$250,000, be received. Further, that an application be submitted for the project to the CVRIS program and that the appropriate signatories be authorized to enter into the necessary contribution agreement should the grant application be successful.