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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

Date of Meeting: Cariboo Regional District Board_May28_2021

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Short Summary:

Anahim Lake Airport - Runway Strip Grading Contract Award

Voting:

Corporate Vote - Weighted

Memorandum:

In February 2021, the Cariboo Regional District was successful in obtaining a Community Economic Recovery Infrastructure Program (CERIP) grant from the Province of BC in the amount of \$300,000 to undertake improvements to the runway strip at the Anahim Lake Airport. Grading of the runway strip will enable the airport to meet new regulatory standards introduced by Transport Canada and result in the full length of the runway paved surface to be made available.

Important criteria for the CERIP program is to support economic activity and employment in areas negatively effected by the COVID-19 pandemic and with this guidance the Regional District has obtained approval from the province for the direct award of the contract necessary to complete the grading work to a local equipment supplier.

It was determined in consultation with the on-site airport manager in Anahim Lake and other local contacts that there is only one supplier with the equipment necessary to complete the grading work required at the airport. This contractor has also been engaged for several other smaller projects at the airport in recent years and is familiar with the heightened awareness and safety requirements of working next to an open and active runway.

To ensure competitive value for the proposed contract, the local supplier was advised that award of the grading work would be contingent on payment rates consistent with the 2020-21 Blue Book - Equipment Rental Rate Guide by the BC Road Builders and Heavy Construction Association as authorized by the Government of British Columbia.

The Anahim Lake Airport Commission has received this information and no concerns or comments were received with the proposed process for awarding the contract.

Attachments:

Runway Strip Grading proposal from Merrit Sager of Waddington Charter and Contracting Ltd.

Financial Implications:

The CERIP grant of \$300,000 has been received and is allocated to the 2021 Anahim Lake Airport budget. The proposed construction contract with Waddington Contracting has a value of \$174,259. Other costs for the project include engineering and surveying, fencing removal and replacement, site safety and supervision, and contingency.

Policy Implications:

Regional District purchasing policy 2017-11-13 directs that construction contracts of this value be awarded through a competitive process. Staff are proposing that this policy be waived in favour of a direct award of this contract to maximize local employment and economic activity in the west Chilcotin with the added benefit of engaging a supplier that has recent experience working on similar projects at the airport.

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. Endorsement of the recommendation;
2. Receipt and other action at the direction of the Board;
3. Receipt only.

Recommendation:

That the agenda item summary from Darron Campbell, Manager of Community Services, dated May 19, 2021, regarding the contract for grading the runway strip at the Anahim Lake Airport, be received. Further, that Regional District purchasing policy 2017-11-13 be waived and the contract be awarded to Waddington Charter and Contracting Ltd based on the received

equipment rental rates proposal at an estimated total cost of \$174,259 plus applicable taxes and that the appropriate signatories be authorized to execute the necessary agreement.