



**Date:** 22/09/2021

**To:** Chair and Directors, Cariboo Regional District Board

**And To:** John MacLean, Chief Administrative Officer

**From:** Beth Holden, Regional Economic & Community Development Officer

**Date of Meeting:** Cariboo Regional District Board\_Oct01\_2021

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## Short Summary:

NDIT Application – Williams Lake Cross Country Ski Lodge and Visitor Amenities

## Voting:

Corporate Vote - Unweighted

## Memorandum:

For the Board's consideration, please find the attached application to Northern Development Initiative Trust (NDIT) from the Williams Lake Cross Country Ski Club. The request is for \$300,000 under the Recreation Infrastructure stream to support constructing a new 2400 sq foot visitor lodge. The total project cost is \$794,634 with a \$30,000 cash and a \$25,000 in-kind labour contribution from the club, a \$25,000 contribution from the Cariboo Regional District, and a \$414,634 grant from the Targeted Regional Tourism Development Initiatives.

Prior to forwarding the proposal to NDIT for Regional Advisory Committee (RAC) consideration, all Regional Development Account applications require a resolution of support from the local government with jurisdiction in the project.

## Attachments:

NDIT Recreation Infrastructure – WLCCS Lodge and Visitor Amenities

## Financial Implications:

The Cariboo Regional District has agreed to a \$25,000 contribution using Cariboo Strong Dollars and a Grant in Aid.

## Policy Implications:

Policy No. 2017-3A-33 (Northern Development Initiative Trust Applications Policy) states:

*That in the absence of knowledge of material legal, ethical, or other improprieties, the CRD will support all applications to the NDIT for funding, without regard to the project's merit.*

### 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) Endorsement of recommendation;
- 2) Receipt and other action;
- 3) Defer.

### Recommendation:

That the agenda item summary from Beth Holden, Regional Economic & Community Development Officer, dated September 22, 2021, regarding the Williams Lake Cross Country Ski Club's application to Northern Development Initiative Trust's Recreation Infrastructure stream for \$300,000 to build a lodge, be received. Further that the grant application be supported.