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To: Central Cariboo/City of Williams Lake Joint Committee

And To: John MacLean, Chief Administrative Officer

From: Darron Campbell, Manager of Community Services

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Short Summary:

NDIT Application – Williams Lake Cycling Club Climbing Trail and Parking Projects 2022

Voting:

Ratification Required by Cariboo Regional District

Memorandum:

For the Joint Committee's consideration, please find the attached application to the Northern Development Initiative Trust (NDIT) from the Williams Lake Cycling Club (WLCC). The request is for \$72,056 in grant funding under the Recreation Infrastructure Program for projects in the Fox Mountain Trail Network including further development of the climbing line from the Tourism Discovery Centre to the Ross Road parking lot as well as a new parking area/trail head at the north end of the trail network.

The total project cost is \$105,563 with other funding to be provided through the provincial Community Economic Recovery Infrastructure Program (CERIP) of \$23,008 for the climbing line and from the Cariboo Regional District of \$10,500 for the parking area.

This contribution from the Regional District is allocated in the 2022 Central Cariboo Recreation budget and identified as a goal in the function business plan.

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

Attachments:

1. NDIT application from the WLCC for Fox Mountain Trail and Parking Improvements
2. WLCC Trail and Parking project summary

Financial Implications:

The proposed \$10,500 capital contribution towards the parking area component of the project from the Cariboo Regional District is allocated in the 2022 Central Cariboo Recreation financial plan. Also included in the recreation budget is \$20,000 for the annual trail maintenance agreement with the WLCC, which is administered by the City of Williams Lake.

Policy Implications:

Recent discussion at the Regional District Board provided direction that NDIT applications for projects that fall under sub-regional recreation will be brought forward to the respective joint committee prior to going to the Regional District Board or City Council for ratification.

Cariboo Regional District 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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Options:

- 1) Endorsement of recommendation;
- 2) Receipt and other action at the discretion of the Central Cariboo Joint Committee;
- 3) Defer

Recommendation:

That the agenda item summary from Darron Campbell, Manager of Community Services, dated January 19, 2022, regarding Williams Lake Cycling Club's application to the Northern Development Initiative Trust's Recreation Infrastructure Program for \$72,056 to further develop a climbing line and construct a new parking area in the Fox Mountain Trail Network, be received. Further, that the grant application be supported.