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To: Chair and Directors, Cariboo Regional District Board

And To: John MacLean, Chief Administrative Officer

From: Kevin Welsh, Manager of Financial Services

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Short Summary:

Update on the Status of Covid-19 Restart Funds

Voting:

Corporate Vote - Unweighted

Memorandum:

The Cariboo Regional District received \$1,483,000 in COVID Safe Restart funding. All funds were allocated by December 31, 2021, as per the Provincial requirements. This report summarizes the status of all COVID Safe Restart fund allocations as of June 30, 2022.

The following allocations still have funds available:

Emergency Programs – Capacity Building - \$57,789 of \$100,000 allocation. These funds were allocated to develop and expand emergency programs/planning and building inspection programs. All allocated funds are expected to be utilized.

Finance Department Digitization & Digital Records Retention - \$30,209 of \$46,550 allocation. These funds were allocated to digitize Finance processes, processes are developed and in testing phase with a planned rollout expected in Q4 2022. All allocated funds are expected to be utilized.

Business Continuity Planning - \$150,000 of \$150,000 allocation. These funds were allocated to develop and expand emergency programs, with a specific goal of developing robust and nimble Business Continuity Plans.

Community Support - \$62,851 of \$80,164 allocation. These funds were allocated to provide financial supports to existing community associations and groups providing supports and services to rural communities. Electoral Area Directors are responsible for identifying groups in their Electoral Areas and provide funding based on their funds allocated.

Community Emergency Preparedness - \$30,000 of \$36,000 allocation. These funds were allocated to support Independent Emergency Response Societies to ensure their sustainability and ability to respond to emergencies. The \$6,000 remaining is not expected to be used.

Economic Development Supports - \$180,000 of \$180,000 allocation. These funds were allocated to encourage economic development project partnerships and activities with local groups. \$60,000 was allocated to each function; north, central and south Cariboo.

Cariboo Chilcotin Mental Health - \$105,000 of \$105,000 allocation. These funds were allocated as a onetime funding for continuation of counselling support and a Community Based Victim Service Worker.

Support Local Indigenous Communities - \$36,757 of \$36,757 allocation. These funds were allocated for truth and reconciliation events.

Attachments:

- 1.0 – Covid Safe Restart Grant project financial summary for all allocations
- 1.1 – Covid Safe Restart Community Support allocation summary
- 1.2 – Covid Safe Restart Project allocations still at 100% of committed funds

Financial Implications:

None

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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Recommendation:

That the agenda item summary from Kevin Welsh, Manager of Financial Services, dated June 29, 2022, regarding a status report on Covid Safe Restart funds, be received.