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To: North Cariboo Rural Directors Caucus

And To: John MacLean, Chief Administrative Officer

From: Beth Holden, Regional Economic/Community Development Officer

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Short Summary:

Blessings Grave and Stanley Cemetery Outhouse Maintenance Contribution Agreement

Voting:

By Consensus

Memorandum:

For the North Cariboo Director's consideration, on January 1, 2012, the Cariboo Regional District (CRD) entered a contribution agreement with the Friends of Barkerville Cariboo Goldfields Historical Society (FOB) to maintain the sites and outhouses and carry appropriate public liability insurance for both the Blessings Grave Historic Site and Stanley Cemetery for \$1,250 annually. FOB declined to renew the agreement for January 1, 2021, due to capacity issues.

This spring, Barkerville Heritage Trust acknowledged the importance of the sites and expressed interest in maintaining them. They suggested an annual fee of \$4,800. Staff at Cottonwood house started maintaining the sites in the spring of 2022 in good faith the Trust would receive a financial contribution similar to the FOB society for the work.

The Cariboo Regional District participated in the original installation of these outhouses in a region-wide wheelchair accessible wilderness trail initiative and therefore holds an ongoing obligation to support or remove them.

Attachments:

None

Financial Implications:

The \$4,800 contribution can be accommodated in the 2022 North Cariboo Economic Development five-year financial plan without impact to taxation or other planned projects.

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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Options:

- 1) Endorsement of recommendation;
- 2) Receipt and other actions at direction of the North Cariboo Rural Directors Caucus;
- 3) Defer.

Recommendation:

That the agenda item summary from Beth Holden, Regional Economic & Community Development Officer, dated August 15, 2022, regarding Blessings Grave and Stanley Cemetery outhouse maintenance, be received. Further, that the Cariboo Regional District enter a one-year contribution agreement with Barkerville Heritage Trust, with a \$4,800 contribution allocated from the 2022 North Cariboo Economic Development Budget, as a trial period with the expectation that a multi-year agreement will be considered for 2023 forward. Further, that the appropriate signatories be authorized to execute the agreement.