



**Date:** 07/02/2023

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

**And To:** Brian Carruthers, Interim Chief Administrative Officer

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

**Date of Meeting:** Cariboo Regional District Board\_Feb24\_2023

**File:** 1855-04

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## **Short Summary:**

NDIT Application – Lone Butte Willowford School 2023

## **Voting:**

Corporate Vote - Unweighted

## **Memorandum:**

For the Cariboo Regional District Board's consideration, please find the attached application to Northern Development Initiative Trust (NDIT) from the Lone Butte Historical Society. The request is for \$30,000 in funding under the Community Places stream to support moving the 1930's Willowford school and creating a gathering place in the centre of Lone Butte. This is a part of a \$48,000 project with a \$15,000 contribution from the South Cariboo Economic Development Budget, and a \$2,000 cash contribution and \$1,000 in-kind contribution from the Lone Butte Historical Society.

The project consists of moving the Willowford school from Horse Lake Road to the centre of Lone Butte. The school will be relocated to the centre of Lone Butte on a property with the historic Alice Singleton house, which once housed the Red Cross Outpost, and the original Diefenbunker. These structures all house artifacts and act as a museum showcasing the history of Lone Butte. The funding will also be used to landscape the property and create a gathering space for community events and tourists. This project aligns with goals in the 2023 South Cariboo Economic Development Business Plan including support improvements to Lone Butte heritage sites to build tourism assets along Highway 24.

Prior to forwarding the proposal to NDIT for the Regional Advisory Committee's consideration, all Regional Development Account applications require a resolution of support from the local government with jurisdiction.

## **Attachments:**

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### Financial Implications:

This project has been identified as a priority in the South Cariboo Economic Development Business Plan and a \$15,000 contribution has been allocated in the preliminary 2023 South Cariboo Economic Development Budget.

### Policy Implications:

Cariboo Regional District Policy No. 2017-3A-33 (Northern Development Initiative Trust Applications Policy) states: 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. Endorse recommendation;
2. Receipt and other action;
3. Defer.

### Recommendation:

That the agenda item summary from Beth Holden, Regional Economic & Community Development Officer, dated February 7, 2023, regarding Lone Butte Historical Society's application to Northern Development Initiative Trust's Community Places stream for \$30,000 to support moving the Willowford school and creating a gathering place in the centre of Lone Butte, be received. Further, that the application be submitted as attached.