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To: Chair and Directors, Cariboo Regional District Board

And To: Murray Daly, Chief Administrative Officer

From: Beth Holden, Regional Economic & Community Development Officer

Date of Meeting: Cariboo Regional District Board_Jun23_2023

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Short Summary:

Sponsorship Request for Williams Lake First Nation's Speaking Our Truth Powwow

Voting:

Corporate Vote - Weighted

Memorandum:

For the Cariboo Regional District Board's consideration, please find the attached sponsorship request from Williams Lake First Nation to support their 2nd Annual Speaking Our Truth Powwow. This high-quality event will take place from September 8 – 10, 2023, in the Williams Lake First Nation's Arbour. This event builds on last year's success and offers the opportunity to showcase talented dancers and drummers from across the country.

In 2022, the Cariboo Regional District Board of Directors agreed to a Platinum Level Sponsorship with a \$5,500 contribution from the COVID Smart Restart Funds allocated to First Nations reconciliation at the July 9, 2021, Cariboo Regional District Board Meeting.

Attachments:

2023 WLFN Powwow Sponsorship Request

Financial Implications:

Currently there is \$28,700 available in the COVID-19 Smart Restart funds First Nations Reconciliation allocation.

Policy Implications:

This contribution is consistent with the intention of the fund allocation, which is to support local Indigenous communities in their efforts to heal from the effects of residential schools and in celebration of their resilience.

Alignment with Strategic Plan:

- ☐ **Infrastructure and Asset Management:** To establish a systematic, predictable approach to managing the regional district's assets and infrastructure that builds on current asset management data and condition assessments.
- ☐ **Enhanced Communications and Engagement:** To build trust and credibility of the regional district by enhancing our communications and engagement with citizens, stakeholders, and volunteers.
- ☐ **Effective and Responsive Land Use Planning and Development:** To ensure our land use planning and development is responsive to future growth and housing needs, anticipates risks and hazards associated with climate change and provides efficient and consistent processes for landowners and developers.
- ☒ **Relationships with First Nations:** To foster a healthy and inclusive region by building and strengthening our relationships with First Nations and embracing the principles of reconciliation.

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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 June 8, 2023, regarding a request for sponsorship of the Williams Lake First Nation's 2nd Annual Speaking Our Truth Powwow, be received. Further, that a Platinum sponsorship be provided in the amount of \$5,500 from the COVID-19 Smart Restart Funds allocated to First Nations Reconciliation.