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**To:** South Cariboo Joint Committee

**And To:** Murray Daly, Chief Administrative Officer

**From:** Darron Campbell, Manager of Community Services

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## Short Summary:

100 Mile House Curling Club Use and Occupancy Agreement Renewals

## Voting:

By consensus

## Memorandum:

The Regional District currently has two agreements with the 100 Mile House Curling Club at the South Cariboo Recreation Centre: one is for the operations of the curling rink during the ice season and the other is for occupancy of the upstairs lounge. These five-year agreements expire at the end of March 2024.

Staff has discussed the agreements with the president of the club and there are no concerns with the arrangement. The club wishes to renew the agreements for another five-year term.

The club currently pays \$12,000 per year for the use of the facilities. This revenue supports operation of the geothermal ice plant that provides refrigeration to the curling rinks as well as the arena.

Under the agreements, the utilities for the curling rink during the ice season are covered by the Regional District through the South Cariboo Recreation budget, which has a budget of \$6,000 for these expenses in 2024. The cost of utilities was reduced significantly with the extension of the geothermal heating system into the curling rink and will be lowered further by the installation of solar panels on the curling rink in 2023.

It is reasonable that the agreements be renewed under the current terms and fee structure to continue to allow the club to build reserve funds for planned equipment purchases and capital improvements to the facility. The club's capital equipment plan and activities report is attached to this agenda item. These are capital purchases funded by the club directly through revenues they generate with lounge rentals, bonspiels and membership fees.

## Attachments:

- 1) 100 Mile House Curling Club Operating Agreement
- 2) 100 Mile House Curling Club Occupancy Agreement
- 3) 2022-2023 Curling Club Annual Report and Capital plan

## Financial Implications:

Under the current agreement and proposed renewal, the curling club pays \$12,000 per season, which is revenue for the South Cariboo Recreation function (1546) budget. An allocation of \$6,000 is also in the recreation budget specifically to cover utility costs at the curling rink.

## Policy Implications:

None. The annual fee of \$12,000 for exclusive use of these spaces during the curling season is a reasonable cost recovery for the curling rink. The group has also made a concerted effort to generate its own revenue and make capital investments into the property.

## 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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## CAO Comments:

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## Options:

1. Endorse the recommendation;
2. Other action;
3. Defer.

## Recommendation:

That the operating and occupancy agreements with the 100 Mile House Curling Club be renewed for a five-year term with the current conditions, including an annual fee of \$12,000 payable by the club and that the appropriate signatories be authorized to execute the agreements.