



**Date:** 28/02/2024

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

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

**From:** Nigel Whitehead, Manager of Planning Services

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## Short Summary:

UBCM Local Government Development Approvals Program 2024 Application

## Voting:

Stakeholder Vote – Weighted – All Electoral Areas

## Memorandum:

The Cariboo Regional District (CRD) currently has three Zoning Bylaws and three Rural Land Use Bylaws which govern land use. The 2024 Planning Services business plan includes undertaking a consolidation project to result in a single zoning bylaw for the regional district. Staff note that policy sections of the RLUBs will be maintained until comprehensive Official Community Plan coverage is achieved. A further goal of the zoning bylaw consolidation project is to develop a comprehensive zoning map, as property zones are currently assigned and maintained via a database, rather than the common approach via mapping.

A common zoning bylaw and single zoning map across the region will provide consistency and clarity of use and interpretation by the general public and help in streamlining customer service. Staff anticipate a significant increase in efficiency and reduced risk for error for both responding to inquiries and processing planning applications. This project is at its initial stage, where staff are developing a workplan. We intend to make an application to the UBCM 2024 Local Government Development Approvals Program, up to the maximum program grant of \$150,000. This program is intended to support local government efforts in improving development application processes. It does not require matching funding from the CRD. The grant application deadline is March 8, 2024 and requires a Board resolution in support of the project.

## Attachments:

LGDAP 2024 Program Guide

## Financial Implications:

None anticipated. This project is part of the 2024 Planning Services business plan.

## Policy Implications:

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## 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 recommendation;
2. Reject.

## Recommendation:

That staff be authorized to submit an application for project costs up to \$150,000 to the 2024 UBCM Local Government Development Approvals Program in support of the consolidation review of CRD zoning and rural land use bylaws.

Further, that staff be authorized to undertake all required grant management activities as necessary.