



**Date:** 14/05/2024

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

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

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

**Date of Meeting:** Cariboo Regional District Board\_May24\_2024

**File:** 1855-05

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## **Short Summary:**

Anahim Lake Community Hall Community Works Funding (CWF) solar panel project and enabling agreement.

## **Voting:**

Corporate Vote – Weighted

## **Memorandum:**

The Anahim Lake Community Association has requested a Community Works Funding contribution of up to \$40,500 to install solar panels at the Anahim Lake Community Hall.

It is expected that the 27 - 460W PV panels will produce energy of about 13,245 kWh annually. Any electricity reduction will help the Association to lower the carbon footprint of the facility and free up funds for other projects. The Association has sourced quotes for the project.

Because the facility is not owned by the CRD, a contribution agreement between the Regional District and the Anahim Lake Community Association is required for this project by UBCM under its Gas Tax Sharing Master Agreement with the federal government.

Under the terms of the agreement, the community group is responsible for managing the project, maintaining financial records, reporting on measurable results and retaining ownership of the asset for a minimum of 10 years.

## **Attachments:**

- 1) Request letter from the Anahim Lake Community Association.
- 2) Anahim Lake Community Hall CWF project information package

## **Financial Implications:**

The proposal from the Anahim Lake Community Association requests up to \$40,500 from the Community Hall Energy Efficiency and Water Conservation envelope of the 2024 CWF program. The Board approved the CWF funding schedule for 2024, including the Community Hall Energy Efficiency and Water Conservation envelope which has a total of \$150,000 available. If this

application from the Anahim Lake Community Association is approved, \$40,500 will be committed leaving a balance of \$55,000 available for other eligible community hall projects.

### **Policy Implications:**

None. The Board approved the CWF funding schedule for 2024, including the Community Hall Energy Efficiency and Water Conservation envelope.

### **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) Other action at the direction of the Board;
- 3) Defer.

### **Recommendation:**

That up to \$40,500 for the installation of solar panels at the Anahim Lake Community Hall be approved from the 2024 Community Hall Energy Efficiency and Water Conservation envelope of the Community Works Fund and that the appropriate signatories be authorized to enter into the necessary contribution agreement.