



**Date:** 22/05/2024

**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

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## Short Summary:

Sponsorship Request for the Lhtako Dene Nation Pow Wow August 2-4, 2024.

## Voting:

Corporate Vote - Weighted

## Memorandum:

For the Cariboo Regional District Board's consideration, please find the attached sponsorship request from the Lhtako Dene Nation to support their pow wow taking place August 2-4, 2024. The event will celebrate the traditions and culture of the Lhtako Dene as well as recognize the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Quesnel Tillicum Society. These events continue to build on past success and showcase talented dancers and drummers from across the country. Events are open to the public and everyone is encouraged to experience the richness and diversity of pow wow culture.

In April 2024, the Cariboo Regional District Board of Directors also agreed to sponsor the Williams Lake First Nation's Father's Day and 3rd Annual Speaking Our Truth pow wows with a \$5,500 contribution from the COVID-19 Smart Restart Funds allocated to First Nations reconciliation at the June 23, 2023, Cariboo Regional District Board Meeting.

## Attachments:

2024 Lhtako Dene Pow Wow Sponsorship Request Letter.

## Financial Implications:

Currently there is \$17,727 available in the COVID-19 Smart Restart Funds First Nations 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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### CAO Comments:

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### Options:

1. Endorse recommendation;
2. Other action at the direction of the Board;
3. Defer.

### Recommendation:

That event sponsorship be provided to the Lhtako Dene Nation for its traditional pow wow and anniversary celebration planned for August 2-4, 2024 in the amount of \$5,500 from the COVID-19 Smart Restart Funds allocated to First Nations Reconciliation.