

# City Staff Report

Original signed by: Acting City Manager Bolton

**Report Date:** May 2, 2024  
**Meeting Date:** May 7, 2024 – North Cariboo Joint Advisory Committee

**To:** City Manager  
**From:** Economic Development Coordinator  
**Subject:** Northern Development Initiative Trust Recreation Infrastructure Application

## Purpose

The purpose of this report is to gain Council’s approval to submit an application to the Northern Development Initiative Trust’s Recreation Infrastructure funding program.

## Summary

Funding is available from the NDIT Recreation Infrastructure fund that would allow for an expansion and renovations of West Fraser Centre’s concession. This project will allow the concession to expand the current workspace and menu offerings.

## Recommendation

THAT North Cariboo Joint Advisory Committee supports the application to Northern Development Recreation Infrastructure funding program for up to \$100,000 for renovations to West Fraser Centre’s concession.

## Strategic Objective

Strategic Plan: 2.1 Continue to research and develop new recreation amenities, working with the Regional District, to attract and retain residents.

## Financial Implications

	NDIT	North Cariboo Recreation and Parks
RI – WFC Concession	\$100,000	\$100,000

## Background

The Recreation Infrastructure Program supports community efforts to create and support recreational infrastructure, such as arenas, gymnasiums, golf courses, fields, boat launches and others, to encourage resident attraction and retention while also increasing opportunities for sport tourism. This program is set up to support new construction projects or upgrades and repairs to existing facilities. The program supports community efforts to create jobs and generate new revenue. The funding stream can contribute up to 70% of eligible project costs, to a maximum contribution of \$100,000 OR up to 50% of eligible project costs, to a maximum contribution of \$300,000.

Once the program is accessed for a facility, the same facility cannot receive funding from this program for a period of two years following the final payment date.

In February 2024, a fire broke out in West Fraser Centre’s concession. The resulting damage has left the concession unusable and in need of restoration. The City has also received community feedback that WFC’s concession’s menu is too limited and would like to see a larger variety of items available.

## Concurrence

Director of Community Services