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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: July 5, 2024
File: 6860-01

Short Summary:

Esler Recreation Advisory Commission April 30, 2024 Meeting Minutes and Recommendations

Voting:

Multiple Voting - please see individual resolutions

Memorandum:

Please find attached the minutes from the Esler Recreation Advisory Commission (ERAC) spring meeting held April 30, 2024.

The four sports groups - Williams Lake Slo-Pitch League, Williams Lake Soccer Associations, Williams Lake Minor Fastball League, and Cariboo Disc Golf - reported the following registration numbers for 2024:

- Slo-Pitch has 31 teams with approximately 750 participants.
- Soccer has approximately 700 participating youth as well as 94 women and 80 men in the adult leagues.
- Minor Fastball was not present to report, but submitted information following the meeting of 123 youth participants.
- Disc Golf has 130 members.

As noted in the minutes, the ERAC endorsed the proposed capital projects at the slo-pitch and soccer fields. Regional District staff advised that \$5,000 each for capital projects is available in the Central Cariboo Recreation and Leisure Services (CCRLS) budget and business plan for 2024.

Ongoing development of the disc golf course is also in progress and an CCRLS budget allocation was made as matching funding for a Northern Development Initiative Trust grant application from the Cariboo Disc Golf Club for tee boxes and course signage.

A proposed capital project to undertake bleacher repairs at the Minor Fastball League fields was received after the meeting and is included in the recommendation for approval and support funding.

Staff updated the groups on the pending completion of the wheelchair accessible low mobility trail at the sports complex as well as the goal to construct a better access into the complex directly off Highway 20.

The recommendations from the ERAC are directly presented to the Board for endorsement, as it was not timely to present to them to the next Central Cariboo Joint Committee meeting in September.

Attachments:

1. ERAC meeting minutes of April 30, 2024

Financial Implications:

An allocation of \$15,000 in capital project support for the leagues operating at the Esler Sports Complex is approved in the 2024 Central Cariboo Recreation (1553) Business and Financial Plans. Matching funding of \$15,000 is also included for an NDIIT grant application to further development of the disc golf course.

Policy Implications:

The Use and Occupancy Agreements between the Regional District and the sports groups for the Esler complex require prior approval of proposed capital projects.

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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Options:

1. Endorse recommendations;
2. Other action at the direction of the Committee;
3. Defer.

Recommendation:

That the following recommendations from the the Esler Recreation Advisory Commission meeting held April 30, 2024 be endorsed:

- 1) That the proposed 2024 capital projects for the Williams Lake Slo-Pitch League, Williams Lake Soccer Associations, and Williams Lake Minor Fastball Association be approved, including:
 - the Williams Lake Slo-Pitch League will purchase and apply topsoil and infield red rock.
 - the Williams Lake Soccer Associations will purchase and install well equipment.
 - the Williams Lake Minor Fastball Association will purchase wood to complete bleacher repairs.
- 2) that \$5,000 to each group for the capital projects be approved as allocated in the Central Cariboo Recreation and Leisure Services (CCRLS) budget and business plan for 2024.
- 3) that in addition to its business plan goal to install tee boxes and signage, the Cariboo Disc Golf Club be approved to construct a small storage shed.
- 4) That the Esler Recreation Advisory Commission members for 2024 be appointed as follows: Linda Barbondy for the Williams Lake Slo-Pitch League, Brian Hansen for the Williams Lake Soccer Associations, Nick Surette for the Williams Lake Minor Fastball Association, Mark Savard for the Cariboo Disc Golf Club, and Bruce Newbery and Pierre Mayette for the Esler Community Association.