



**Date:** 07/08/2024

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

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

**From:** Alice Johnston, Manager of Corporate Services/Deputy CAO

**Date of Meeting:** Cariboo Regional District Board\_Aug16\_2024

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## Short Summary:

Request from Director Forseth – Letter Regarding Demolition of old McLeese Lake School

## Voting:

Corporate Vote - Unweighted

## Memorandum:

Director Forseth has submitted the following request:

*For the last number of months, I've had some constituents express concerns about the former McLeese Lake Elementary school site and especially around the school being accidentally lit on fire as well as the fact that people have already been rummaging through the building and may not be aware of the risk to their personal health as there is asbestos throughout the school site.*

*School District #27 advises that a letter of support from myself as the local area director for McLeese Lake would be helpful in securing the funding from the Ministry of Education for this specific project.*

*I would certainly draft a letter myself but want to put it on official regional district letterhead and there is a bit of time sensitivity to this as SD27 has already submitted their major capital project list for 25/26 and the letter of support in favour of their major capital list for the demolition project at McLeese Lake may get them over the finish line and get to a yes.*

## Attachments:

None

## Financial Implications:

None

## Policy Implications:

None

### **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) Authorize a letter to be sent to School District 27 as per Director Forseth's request;
- 2) Other action at the discretion of the Board.

### **Recommendation:**

As per Director Forseth's request, that a letter of support be sent to School District 27 requesting that the Ministry of Education provide funding for the expeditious demolition of the old McLeese Lake School, as it may pose a threat to the safety of community members in its present condition.