

Date: 19/09/2024

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_Sep26_2024

File: 550-01

Short Summary:

Request from Director Forseth regarding Land Acknowledgement for meetings

Voting:

Corporate Vote - Unweighted

Memorandum:

Director Forseth has submitted the following request:

“That the Board refer the current practice of the Land Acknowledgement read at the beginning of Cariboo Regional District/Cariboo Chilcotin Regional Hospital District Board and Committee meetings to the Policy Committee for review of being more inclusive of all Indigenous Communities in the Cariboo Regional District.”

Section 18 of Cariboo Regional District Procedure Bylaw No. 5350, 2021 states:

18. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF INDIGENOUS PEOPLES AND TERRITORIES

As soon as a Board or Committee meeting is called to order, the Chair shall verbally acknowledge that the meeting is being held on the traditional lands of the Indigenous peoples specific to that area. If the specific Indigenous group is not known, the following statement will be made:

“We respectfully acknowledge the Indigenous peoples on whose traditional territories we are meeting.”

This request is hereby brought forward for the consideration of the Board.

Attachments:

None

Financial Implications:

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Policy Implications:

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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. Refer to the Indigenous Relations Committee;
2. Deny;
3. Approve request to refer to the Policy Committee.

Recommendation:

Action is at the discretion of the Board.