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

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

**From:** Kelly McDonald, Manger of Utilities

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## Short Summary:

Infrastructure Planning Grant Program Applications for Master Plans

## Voting:

Corporate Vote - Unweighted

## Memorandum:

The Infrastructure Planning Grant Program, operated by the British Columbia Ministry of Housing and Municipal Affairs, offers grants to support local government in projects related to the development of sustainable community infrastructure. Grants up to \$10,000 are available to help improve or develop long-term comprehensive plans that include, but are not limited to, capital asset management plans, community energy plans, integrated stormwater management plans, water master plans and liquid waste management plans. Grants can be used for a range of activities related to assessing the technical, environmental and/or economic feasibility of municipal infrastructure projects.

The Utilities Department is seeking the Board's approval to proceed with applications for a \$10,000 grant for each of the CRD's 16 water and sewer systems. The program is open for applications year-round, and the next intake deadline for submissions is June 11, 2025.

We seek the Board's authorization to proceed accordingly, ensuring the necessary resources are allocated to effectively manage the grant application and subsequent funding administration.

## Attachments:

1. Infrastructure Planning Grant Program Guide

## Financial Implications:

If successful, this will assist with costs associated with the development of master plans for the CRD water and sewer systems.

## Policy Implications:

n/a

## 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. Deny.

## Recommendation:

That the Board support the submission of applications for Infrastructure Planning Grants of \$10,000 for each of the CRD's 16 water and sewer systems (103 Mile, 108 Mile, Alexis Creek, Benjamin, Canim Lake, Forest Grove, Gateway, Horse Lake, Lac La Hache, Lexington and Russet Bluff water systems, and Alexis Creek, Lac La Hache, Pine Valley, Red Bluff and Wildwood sewer systems).