



**Date:** 18/02/2025

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

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

**From:** Kathie Vilkas, Regional Economic Community Development Officer

**Date of Meeting:** Cariboo Regional District Board\_Feb28\_2025

**File:** 1855-04

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## Short Summary:

NDIT Application – Williams Lake Rustlers Rugby Club - Rodger's Rink Improvements

## Voting:

Corporate Vote - Unweighted

## Memorandum:

For the Cariboo Regional District Board's consideration, please find attached an application to the Northern Development Initiative Trust (NDIT) from the Williams Lake Rustlers Rugby Club, for outdoor rink improvements at their facility on Ottoman Drive in the Mountview area. The request is for \$30,000 in funding under the NDIT Community Places stream to assist with improvements to the rink, including adding electrical and water infrastructure, concrete slab, construction of covered seating and equipment storage and improved lighting and boards around the rink.

Funding support for this project, which has a total value of \$45,000 is anticipated to come from Northern Development (\$30,000) and Cariboo Regional District (\$15,000). Funds needed to complete the project will also come from donations, fundraising and in-kind labour from club members.

Prior to forwarding the application to NDIT for the Regional Advisory Committee's consideration, all Regional Development Account applications require a resolution of support from the local government within the jurisdiction.

## Attachments:

NDIT Application from website – Williams Lake Rustlers Rugby Club - Rodger's Rink Improvements

## Financial Implications:

The Cariboo Regional District funding contribution is noted as a goal in the 2025 Central Cariboo Recreation and Leisure Services Business Plan and \$15,000 is allocated in the 2025 Central Cariboo Recreation budget.

## Policy Implications:

Cariboo Regional District Policy No 2017-3A-33 (Northern Development Initiative Trust Application Policy) states: In the absence of knowledge of material legal, ethical, or other improprieties, the CRD will support all applications to the NDIIT for funding, without regard to the project's merit.

## 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.

## CAO Comments:

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## Options:

1. Endorse recommendation;
2. Other action at the direction of the Board;
3. Defer.

## Recommendation:

That the Williams Lake Rustlers Rugby Club grant application to Northern Development Initiative Trust's Community Places stream for \$30,000 to assist with improvements at Rodger's Rink, be supported for submission.