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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: Cariboo Regional District Board_Aug15_2025

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Short Summary:

Tatla Lake Community Hall additional Community Works Funding (CWF) for solar panels project

Voting:

Corporate Vote – Weighted

Memorandum:

In October 2024, the Tatla Lake Area Community Association requested up to \$28,000 in Community Works Funding to support a \$53,000 solar panel installation project at the Tatla Lake Community Hall.

At its meeting on October 18, 2024, the Cariboo Regional District Board of Directors passed a resolution to allocate up to \$28,000 from the 2024 Community Hall Energy Efficiency and Water Conservation envelope of the Community Works Fund for the solar panel project. A contribution agreement was then entered into with the community group to provide the funding.

The remaining project cost was expected to be covered by a \$25,000 BC Hydro rebate.

However, due to BC Hydro's rebate calculation method, which is based on the size of the solar panel system, the Association received \$16,000 rather than the anticipated \$25,000. Therefore, an additional \$9,000 in Community Works Fund support is requested to meet the total project cost of \$53,000.

Attachments:

Community Works Funding Contribution Agreement - Tatla Lake Community Hall Solar Panels Project

Financial Implications:

The proposal from the Tatla Lake Area Community Association requests \$9,000 from the Community Hall Energy Efficiency and Water Conservation envelope of the 2025 CWF program. The Board approved the CWF funding schedule for 2025, including the Community Hall Energy Efficiency and Water Conservation envelope which has a total of \$150,000 available. If this

application from the Tatla Lake Area Community Association is approved, \$9,000 will be committed leaving a balance of \$131,000 available for other eligible community hall projects.

Policy Implications:

None. The Board approved the CWF funding schedule for 2025, including the Community Hall Energy Efficiency and Water Conservation envelope.

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 recommendation;
- 2) Other action at the direction of the Board;
- 3) Defer.

Recommendation:

That the Community Works Funding contribution agreement with the Tatla Lake and Area Community Association be amended to provide an additional \$9,000 to support the community hall solar panels project and that the appropriate signatories be authorized to amend the agreement.