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To: Chair and Directors, Cariboo Regional District Board

And To: Murray Daly, Chief Administrative Officer

From: Kathie Vilkas, Regional Economic Community Development Officer

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Short Summary:

NDIT Application – The Friends of Barkerville Cariboo Goldfields Historical Society - Visitor Kiosk Revitalization

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 Friends of Barkerville Cariboo Goldfields Historical Society. The request is for \$15,059 in funding under the Marketing Initiatives stream to assist with costs for the Cariboo Goldfields Visitor Kiosk Revitalization. This project includes the restoration of ten 'red roof' information kiosks along the Barkerville Highway, including new stain, paint and installation of new signage, promoting regional historical values and knowledge to enhance the visitor experience in the region.

Funding support for this project, which has a total value of \$30,119.11 is anticipated to come from Northern Development Initiative Trust (\$15,059), Cariboo Regional District (\$5,000), Friends of Barkerville and Cariboo Historic Goldfields (\$10,060.11).

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:

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Financial Implications:

The Cariboo Regional District contribution of \$5,000 is allocated in the 2025 North Cariboo Economic Development financial plan and as a 2025 Business Plan goal for the function to support partnerships for projects that encourage economic activity.

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 NDIT 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.

Options:

1. Endorse recommendation;
2. Other action;
3. Defer.

Recommendation:

That the Friends of Barkerville Cariboo Goldfields Historical Society's grant application to Northern Development Initiative Trust's Marketing Initiatives stream for \$15,059 for the Cariboo Goldfields Visitor Kiosk Revitalization be supported for submission.