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

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

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

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## Short Summary:

AIS – UBCM Strategic Priorities Fund Grant Application – 108 Mile Water System

## Voting:

Corporate Vote - Unweighted

## Memorandum:

In May, the Union of BC Municipalities (UBCM) announced an intake for the Strategic Priorities Fund (SPF) grant program. Applications from local governments can be for a broad range of projects and may receive 100% funding up to \$7 million with a total of \$125 million available across the province. Regional Districts are eligible to submit up to four projects, three for capital infrastructure and one for capacity building. The deadline for submissions is September 12, 2025.

The design of phase one of the 108 Mile Water System low pressure zone project is complete and ready to tender; therefore, this request is to apply for up to \$1.2 million in funding for a *phase two* of this project. Phase two will include above ground pressure relief valve (PRV) installations to remedy current confined space requirements necessary to perform maintenance on the system's PRVs.

The focus for a proposed SPF grant application is phase two of the project, which would allow phase one to proceed as planned, subject to necessary funding approval through the Community Works Fund. An expected grant funding approval date is not provided in the SPF program guidelines and based on previous staff experience; adjudication of applications can often take 12-18 months. If the phase two SPF application is approved, the scope can be added to the first two phases of the project. The 108 Water System currently has capital funds set aside to initiate phase one of this project.

## Attachments:

n/a

## Financial Implications:

Phase two of this project will be contingent on Board approval to release Community Works Funds required to complete phase one.

### **Policy Implications:**

None; the 108 low pressure project was rated as “high priority” by the Asset Management Committee, as maintaining a certain pressure in a water system is a regulatory requirement.

### **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.

### **Recommendation:**

That an application be made by the Cariboo Regional District to the UBCM Strategic Priorities Fund grant program for phase two of the 108 Mile Water System low pressure zone project in the amount of \$1.2 million.