



CITY OF WILLIAMS LAKE

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ITEM NO.

February 10 2026-E1

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SUBJECT R.I.S.E. Society Request for Letter of Support

Moved and Seconded

That pursuant to Committee of Whole Council Report #03-2026, the presentation from Darren VanEs and Greg Jeannotte, R.I.S.E. Society, be received and a letter of support be provided to the RISE Society; and further, that the City request local First Nations, the Cariboo Regional District (via the Central Cariboo Joint Committee) and the Interior Health Authority to also provide letters of support to the Society.

CARRIED

RECORD OF VOTE (UPON REQUEST)

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**CITY OF WILLIAMS LAKE
COMMITTEE OF WHOLE COUNCIL
REPORT #03-2026**

PRESENTED: Regular Meeting of Council – February 3, 2026 **DATE:** February 4, 2026
FROM: Committee of Whole Council **FILE:** 0340-50
SUBJECT: R.I.S.E. Society Request for Letter of Support

The Committee of Whole Council met on February 3, 2026 to consider the above matter and makes the following recommendation to Council:

RECOMMENDATION:

“That the presentation from Darren VanEs and Greg Jeannotte, R.I.S.E. Society, be received and that a letter of support be provided to the RISE Society; and further, that the City request local First Nations, the Cariboo Regional District (via the Central Cariboo Joint Committee) and the Interior Health Authority to also provide letters of support to the Society.”

Respectfully submitted,

Ross Coupé
Corporate Officer

From: Darren VanEs **FOIPPA Sec 22(1)**

Sent: Friday, January 9, 2026 2:22 PM

To: Ross Coupe <rcoupe@williamslake.ca>

Subject: Re: February 3rd Delegation

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CAUTION: External email.

R.I.S.E SOCIETY

Darren VanEs , Greg Jeannotte , Ben Shoults

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RISE Society is seeking to brief Council on a proposed non-profit initiative focused on regenerative land stewardship, silvopasture management, and peer-supported community wellness programming within the Williams Lake area.

The concept involves maintaining land within existing Agricultural Land Reserve (ALR) zoning while improving forest health through selective thinning, grazing-based vegetation management, and fuel-load reduction. The project emphasizes wildfire risk mitigation, ecological restoration, and the creation of meaningful, structured work opportunities for individuals in or seeking recovery.

No zoning change is proposed. The intent is to work within existing agricultural and land-use frameworks, in alignment with City priorities related to wildfire resilience, environmental stewardship, and community well-being.

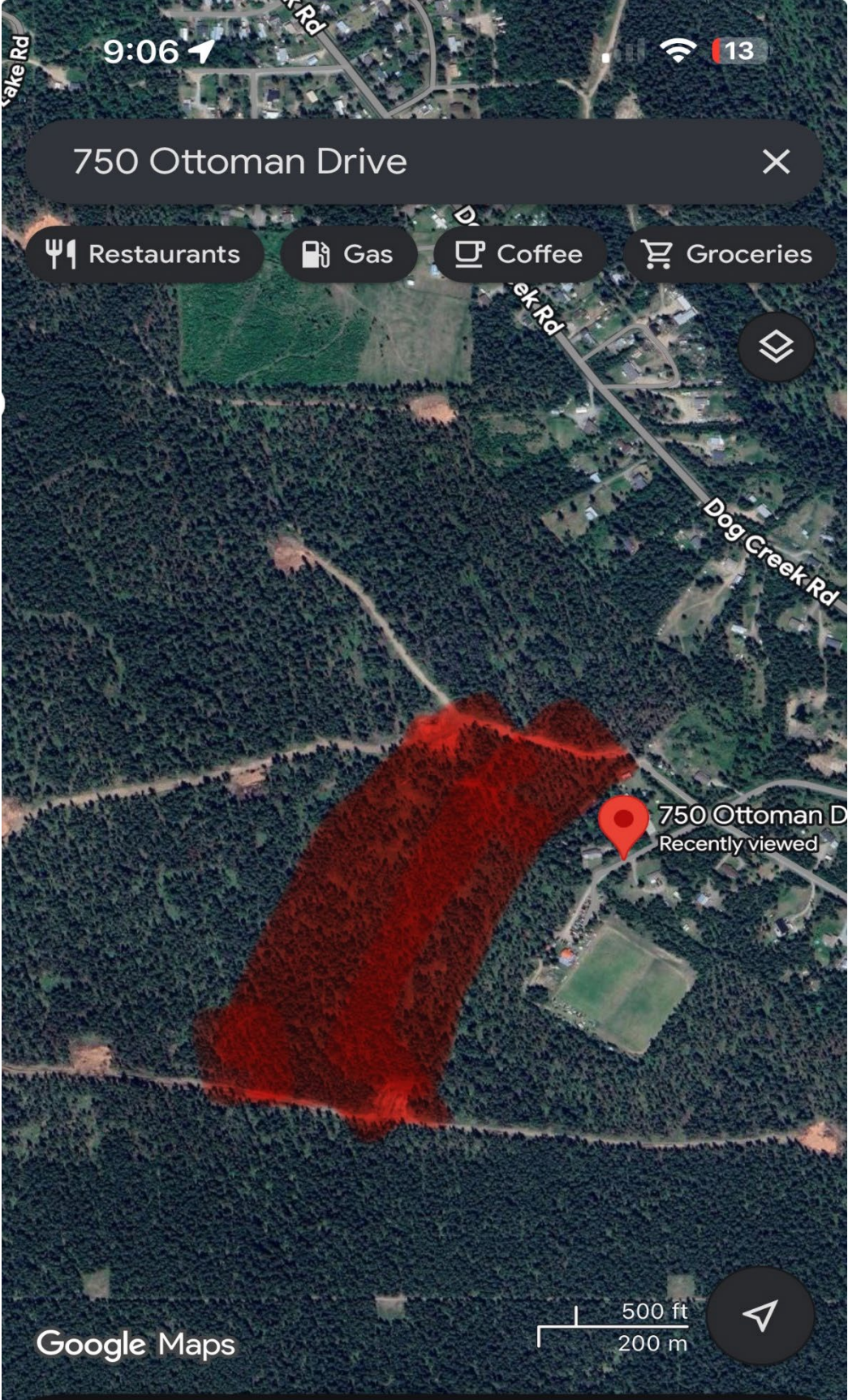
This delegation is intended as an early informational update and to seek guidance on appropriate next steps, municipal considerations, and alignment with City policies and planning objectives.

Desired Resolution (if applicable):

That Council receive the presentation for information and provide guidance on:

- Alignment with City of Williams Lake strategic priorities
- Appropriate municipal processes or departments to engage
- Future opportunities for collaboration related to wildfire mitigation, land stewardship, and community wellness initiatives

No funding request is being made at this time.



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