



Date: 18/04/2024

To: Chair and Directors, Cariboo Regional District Board

And To: Murray Daly, Chief Administrative Officer

From: Beth Holden, Regional Economic & Community Development Officer

Date of Meeting: Cariboo Regional District Board_May03_2024

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Short Summary:

Sponsorship Request for Williams Lake First Nation's Father's Day and Speaking Our Truth Pow Wows.

Voting:

Corporate Vote - Weighted

Memorandum:

For the Cariboo Regional District Board's consideration, please find the attached sponsorship request from Williams Lake First Nation to support their Father's Day Traditional Pow Wow taking place June 14 – 16, 2024 and 3rd Annual Speaking Our Truth Pow Wow taking place September 6 – 8, 2024. These high-quality events will take place in the Williams Lake First Nation's Arbour. These events continue to build on past success and showcase talented dancers and drummers from across the country. Events are open to the public and everyone is encouraged to experience the richness and diversity of pow wow culture.

In 2023, the Cariboo Regional District Board of Directors agreed to a Platinum Level Sponsorship with a \$5,500 contribution from the COVID Smart Restart Funds allocated to First Nations reconciliation at the June 23, 2023, Cariboo Regional District Board Meeting.

Attachments:

2024 WLFN Pow Wow Sponsorship Request

Financial Implications:

Currently there is \$23,227 available in the COVID-19 Smart Restart Funds First Nations Allocation.

Policy Implications:

This contribution is consistent with the intention of the fund allocation, which is to support local Indigenous communities in their efforts to heal from the effects of residential schools and in celebration of their resilience.

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;
3. Defer.

Recommendation:

That a Platinum sponsorship be provided for the Williams Lake First Nation's Father's Day and 3rd Annual Speaking Our Truth Pow Wows in the amount of \$5,500 from the COVID-19 Smart Restart Funds allocated to First Nations Reconciliation.