



**Date:** 24/04/2024

**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\_May03\_2024

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## **Short Summary:**

Chimney and Felker Lakes Landholders Association Community Works Funding (CWF) solar panel project and enabling agreement.

## **Voting:**

Corporate Vote – Weighted

## **Memorandum:**

The Chimney and Felker Lakes Landholders Association has requested a Community Works Funding contribution of up to \$45,000 to install solar panels at the Chimney and Felker Lakes Community Hall.

It is expected that the 42 - 400W PV panels will produce energy of about 18,250 kWh annually. Any electricity reduction will help the Association to lower the carbon footprint of the facility and free up funds for other projects. The Association has sourced quotes for the project.

Because the facility is not owned by the CRD, a contribution agreement between the Regional District and the Chimney and Felker Lakes Landholders Association is required for this project by UBCM under its Gas Tax Sharing Master Agreement with the federal government.

Under the terms of the agreement, the community group is responsible for managing the project, maintaining financial records, reporting on measurable results and retaining ownership of the asset for a minimum of 10 years.

## **Attachments:**

- 1) CWF project request package for the Chimney and Felker Lakes Landholders Association.
- 2) Request letter from the Chimney and Felker Lakes Landholders Association.

## **Financial Implications:**

The proposal from the Chimney and Felker Lakes Landholders Association requests up to \$45,000 from the Community Hall Energy Efficiency and Water Conservation envelope of the 2024 CWF program.

The Board approved the CWF funding schedule for 2024, including the Community Hall Energy Efficiency and Water Conservation envelope which has a total of \$150,000 available. If this application from the Chimney and Felker Lakes Landholders Association is approved, \$45,000 will be committed leaving a balance of \$98,000 available for other eligible community hall projects.

### **Policy Implications:**

None. The Board approved the CWF funding schedule for 2024, 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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### **CAO Comments:**

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### **Options:**

- 1) Endorse recommendation;
- 2) Other action.

### **Recommendation:**

That up to \$45,000 for the installation of solar panels at the Chimney and Felker Lakes Community Hall be approved from the 2024 Community Hall Energy Efficiency and Water Conservation envelope of the Community Works Fund and that the appropriate signatories be authorized to enter into the necessary contribution agreement.