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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:

NDIT Application – Claymine Trails Expansion Project

Voting:

Corporate Vote - Unweighted

Memorandum:

For the Cariboo Regional District Board's consideration, please find an application to the Northern Development Initiative Trust (NDIT) from the Regional District and the Bouchie Lake Recreation Commission. The request is for \$30,000 to expand the wheelchair accessible wilderness trail at the Claymine Trails property in Bouchie Lake.

The scope of the project includes extending the existing low mobility trail, which is about 500 metres long and was constructed in 2014, by an additional 1000 metres to enable trail users of all abilities to explore new areas of the forested property.

The property is owned by the Cariboo Regional District and managed by the Bouchie Lake Recreation Commission with support from the subregional recreation trails coordinator working on behalf of the Regional District and the City of Quesnel.

Funding support for the project, which has a total value of \$46,052 is anticipated to come from the Northern Development Initiative Trust (\$30,000) and the North Cariboo Recreation and Parks function trail projects allocation (\$16,052).

The project has been approved by the North Cariboo Joint Advisory Committee and the Cariboo Regional District Board as a 2024 North Cariboo Recreation and Parks Business Plan goal and the supporting funding allocation is included in the approved 2024 NCRP financial plan.

Prior to forwarding this application to NDIT for the Regional Advisory Committee's consideration, all Regional Development Account applications require a resolution of support from the local government with jurisdiction of the project area.

Attachments:

1. NDIT Application – Claymine Trails Expansion Project
2. Bouchie Lake Recreation Commission support letter

Financial Implications:

Matching funding for the project of \$16,052 is included in the approved 2024 North Cariboo Recreation and Parks financial plan as part of the annual trail projects allocation of \$75,000.

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.

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Options:

1. Endorse recommendation;
2. Other action at the direction of the Board;
3. Defer.

Recommendation:

That the grant application from the Cariboo Regional District to the Northern Development Initiative Trust's Community Places funding stream for \$30,000 to expand the low mobility trail at the Claymine Trails system in Bouchie Lake be supported for submission.