



REPORT

To: Chair and Directors

Report Number: ADM-BRD-016

From: Tyra Henderson, Corporate Officer

Date: April 27, 2020

Subject: April 23, 2020 – Committee of the Whole Recommendations

The following recommendations from the April 23, 2020 Committee of the Whole meeting are presented to the Regional Board for its consideration:

RECOMMENDATION #1: *[Corporate Unweighted]*

That the Regional Board:

1. Refer the Regional Grant-in-Aid application received from the North Peace Search & Rescue Society, for a grant in the amount of \$12,394 to assist with mapping technology improvements, to the Emergency Executive Committee;
2. Review the Regional Grant-in-Aid application received from the STARS Foundation as an individual item under Section 263 of the *Local Government Act*; and
3. Respectfully decline funding for the following 2020 Regional Grant-in-Aid applications as a result of the financial impacts to residents and businesses due to COVID-19:
 - Bear Mountain Nordic Ski Association
 - Dawson Creek Scouts
 - Dawson Creek Triathlon Association
 - Fort St. John and District Kennel Club
 - Fort St. John Literacy Society
 - High School Rodeo of BC Association
 - Northern Environmental Action Team
 - North Peace SuperPark Society
 - Northern Trails Heritage Society
 - Peace Community Church Society
 - South Peace Arts Society
 - Special Olympics BC – Dawson Creek
 - Spirit of the West Pow Wow Society

RECOMMENDATION #2: *[Corporate Unweighted]*

That the Regional Board be provided with a report on options for administering Regional Grant-in-Aid at a future Committee of the Whole meeting, including options for the Regional Grant-in-Aid Policy, possible updates to Peace River Regional District letters patent, and/or bylaw options.

RECOMMENDATION #3: [Corporate Weighted]

That the Regional Board authorize a multi-year grant in the amount of \$170,000 per year for three years beginning in 2020, payable from Function 275 – Grants to Community Organizations, Regional Grant-in-Aid, be issued to the STARS Foundation to assist with core operational costs.

RECOMMENDATION #4: [Corporate Unweighted]

That the Regional Board allocate the \$100,000 currently budgeted for the Northeast Physician Recruitment position to another use within the Grant to Community Organizations budget.

BACKGROUND/RATIONALE:Recommendation #1

The '2020 Grant-in-Aid Regional Grant-in-Aid Release of Funds' report from the April 23, 2020 Committee of the Whole meeting is attached for background information.

The draft minutes of the April 23, 2020 Committee of the Whole meeting are on the May 7, 2020 Regional Board meeting agenda.

ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS:

1. That the Regional Board provide further direction.

STRATEGIC PLAN RELEVANCE:

☒ Not Applicable to Strategic Plan.

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATION(S):

The 2020 budget commitment for Function 275 – Grants to Community Organizations is \$487,507.00.

Undispersed funds will be surplus in the function and available for other uses.

COMMUNICATIONS CONSIDERATION(S):

Regional Grant-in-Aid applicants will be advised of the Regional Board's decisions.

OTHER CONSIDERATION(S):

None.

Attachment:

1. 2020 Regional Grant-in-Aid Release of Funds Report - FN-COW-001