



REPORT

To: Chair and Directors

Report Number: FN-BRD-068

From: Teri Vetter, Chief Financial Officer

Date: April 15, 2021

Subject: Service Establishment – Hockey Canada

OPTIONS: [Corporate Unweighted]

1. That the Regional Board approve the establishment of a service function for Hockey Canada; further, that a regional Hockey Canada Service establishment bylaw be drafted for consideration by the Regional Board as the next step in the service establishment process.
2. That the Regional Board refuse the establishment of a service function for Hockey Canada.

BACKGROUND/RATIONALE:

At the February 17, 2021 Special Board meeting, the Regional Board passed the following resolutions:

MOVED, SECONDED and CARRIED

That the Regional Board consider the establishment of a service function to support PRRD funded hockey events in the region.

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That the Regional Board receive a report on funding models for the proposed museum, geopark, and hockey event service functions.

The most recent & anticipated future hockey events are as follows:

- 2015 – WU17 Hockey Challenge
- 2017 – WU17 Hockey Challenge
- 2019 – World Junior A Challenge
- 2021 – National Women's U18 National Championship
- 2022 – World Sledge Hockey Challenge

The City of Dawson Creek has signed a five year Hosting Agreement with Hockey Canada from January 1, 2019 to December 31, 2023 with hopes of a renewal. Hockey events have, no doubt, had a positive financial impact on the region and the Economic Impact Assessments from both the 2015 and 2017 WU17 Hockey Challenge events are attached for information.

ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS:

1. That the Regional Board consider including funding for Hockey Canada in Function 140 – Economic Development once a strategy has been determined.
2. That the Regional Board provide further direction.

STRATEGIC PLAN RELEVANCE:

☒ Not Applicable to Strategic Plan.

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATION(S):

The PRRD has provided a total of \$389,500 in grant contributions to support the Hockey Canada events held in the region. A total of \$209,500 was paid from Function 140, Economic Development, \$135,000 from Function 275, Grants to Community Organizations and \$45,000 was paid from Function 130, Administrative Fiscal and Other. All funds were issued to the City of Dawson Creek for the purposes of hosting Hockey Canada events as outlined below.

2012	\$ 5,000	U18 National Women's Championships
2015	\$ 75,000	U17 Men's World Hockey Challenge
2017	\$100,000	U17 World Men's Hockey Challenge
2019	\$109,500	World Junior Hockey Challenge
2020	\$100,000	U18 National Women's Championship (November 2020)
Total	\$389,500	

The PRRD also approved a multi-year commitment of \$150,000 to be issued as an annual grant in the amount of \$50,000 from 2014 to 2016 for the City of Dawson Creek to prepare for and host the International Ice Hockey Federation 2016 U18 Women's World Championships. However, the City was not selected to host this event and no grant funding was ever paid out.

Based on 2021's Completed Assessment roll, if this service function was a regional function and the maximum requisition was \$200,000 based on Land & Improvements, the tax rate would be approximately \$0.0062 / \$1,000.

If the same requisition amount was applied (\$200,000) to Improvements only, the tax rate would be \$0.0077 / \$1,000.

COMMUNICATIONS CONSIDERATION(S):

None.

OTHER CONSIDERATION(S):

Dawson Creek received a grant in the amount of \$100,000 for Hockey Canada in 2020 through Economic Development – Function 140, however the event did not take place and the money was returned and has been budgeted under Economic Development for 2021.

Attachment:

1. Economic Impact Assessment Final Report – 2017 World Under Hockey Challenge