



REPORT

To: Rural Budgets Administration Committee

Report Number: FN-RBAC-002

From: Lyle Smith, Chief Financial Officer

Date: April 2, 2020

Subject: Grant Request – Mile 22 Community Park Association

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Rural Budgets Administration Committee authorize a multi-year grant in the amount of \$2,000 per year for three years beginning in 2020, payable from Electoral Area D Peace River Agreements Spending Item #4 - Assistance to Other Organizations, to be issued to the Mile 22 Community Park Association to assist with general operating costs.

BACKGROUND/RATIONALE:

Mile 22 Community Park Association consists of a group of volunteers who reside in the rural community of Tower Lake and work together to maintain the upkeep of the local community park. Their efforts, in turn, help to provide the community with access to outdoor recreation, both in the winter and summer months. The Association is requesting grant funding, in the amount of \$2,000 each year for three years, beginning in 2020, to assist with the cost of insurance, gas and hydro; for a total Regional District contribution of \$6,000.

The Association has indicated in their application that up until 2017, Tower Lake Community Club had provided them annual financial support, and that this funding was part of a grant Tower Lake Community Club received from the Regional District.

In 2019, Mile 22 Community Park Association received grant funding in the amount of \$3,000 to assist with the purchase of a mower/tractor to maintain the lawns at the park, provided with funds through Electoral Area D, Peace River Agreement. The Association is a not-for-profit organization and is in good standing with the *Societies Act of BC*.

For further details, please see the attached grant application.

ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS:

1. That the Rural Budgets Administration Committee respectfully deny the grant request, for \$2,000 per year for three years beginning in 2020, from the Mile 22 Community Park Association, and provide no grant funding to assist with their operating costs of the park and its facilities.
2. That the Rural Budgets Administration Committee provide further direction.

STRATEGIC PLAN RELEVANCE:

Not Applicable to Strategic Plan.

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATION(S):

As of March 31, 2020, the remaining balance for Electoral Area D, Peace River Agreements was \$1,132,689.45.

COMMUNICATIONS CONSIDERATION(S):

The applicant will be advised of the Committee’s decision in writing and, if approved, will be asked to ensure the PRRD is recognized for their contribution as per the PRRD Recognition Guidelines.

OTHER CONSIDERATION(S):

None.

Attachments:

1. Grant Application

Deferred from the April 16, 2020 RBAC Meeting