



REPORT

To: Chair and Directors

Report Number: ADM-BRD-260

From: Rural Budgets Administration Committee

Date: December 2, 2021

Subject: November 25, 2021 Rural Budgets Administration Committee Recommendations

The following recommendations from the November 25, 2021 Rural Budgets Administration Committee meeting are being presented to the Regional Board for its consideration:

RECOMMENDATION #1: [Corporate Weighted]

That the Regional Board amend the 2021 budget for Function 315 – Charlie Lake Fire to:

- Increase Transfer from Gas Tax Reserve - \$11,500
- Increase Machinery & Equipment - \$11,500

RECOMMENDATION #2: [Corporate Unweighted]

That the Regional Board adopt the Community Works Gas Tax Grant Policy, which sets out the principles and guidelines governing the issuance of grant funding for eligible capital and capacity building infrastructure projects for public use or benefit, in compliance with the terms set out in the Administrative Agreement on Federal Gas Tax Fund in BC, and administered by the Rural Budgets Administration Committee.

RECOMMENDATION #3: [Corporate Unweighted]

That the Regional Board adopt the Electoral Area Grant-in-Aid Policy, which sets out the principles and guidelines governing the issuance of PRRD grant funding to support community led projects or initiatives that service or benefit rural communities and fall outside the regular service functions of the PRRD, as administered by the Rural Budgets Administration Committee.

RECOMMENDATION #4: [Corporate Unweighted]

That the Regional Board adopt the Rural Loan Fund Policy, which sets out the principles and guidelines governing the issuance of loans and grants from the Rural Loan Fund Reserve administered by the Rural Budgets Administration Committee.

RECOMMENDATION #5: [Corporate Unweighted]

That the Regional Board adopt the Utility Extension Grant Policy, which sets out the principles and guidelines governing the issuance of PRRD grant funding for the extension of electrical or natural gas utility services to registered property owners within the Electoral Areas of the PRRD administered by the Rural Budgets Administration Committee.

BACKGROUND/RATIONALE:

The draft minutes of the November 25, 2021 Rural Budgets Administration Committee Meeting are on the Consent Calendar.

Recommendation #1 (Charlie Lake Fire)

Please [click here](#) (Item 9.3) to access the report provided to the Rural Budgets Administration Committee.

Recommendation #2 (Community Works Gas Tax Grant Policy)

Please [click here](#) (Item 9.15) to access the report provided to the Rural Budgets Administration Committee.

Recommendation #3 (Electoral Area Grant in Aid Policy)

Please [click here](#) (Item 9.16) to access the report provided to the Rural Budgets Administration Committee.

Recommendation #4 (Rural Loan Fund Policy)

Please [click here](#) (Item 9.17) to access the report provided to the Rural Budgets Administration Committee.

Recommendation #5 (Utility Grant Extension Policy)

Please [click here](#) (Item 9.18) to access the report provided to the Rural Budgets Administration Committee.

ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS:

1. That the Regional Board provide further direction.

STRATEGIC PLAN RELEVANCE:

- ☒ Organizational Effectiveness
- ☒ Comprehensive Policy Review

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATION(S):

These policies apply to the funding that is administered by the Rural Budgets Administration Committee as per the Rural Budgets Administration Bylaw No. 1166, 1998 as amended.

COMMUNICATIONS CONSIDERATION(S):

If the Regional Board approves the draft policies attached to this report, they will be posted to the Policy Manual on the PRRD Webpage.

OTHER CONSIDERATION(S):

If approved, application forms will be updated to ensure that they are up to date as per the new policies.

Attachments:

1. Draft Community Works Gas Tax Grant Policy
2. Draft Electoral Area Grant-in-Aid Policy – Marked-Up Version
3. Draft Electoral Area Grant-in-Aid Policy – Clean Version
4. Draft Rural Loan Fund Policy – Marked-Up Version
5. Draft Rural Loan Fund Policy – Clean Version
6. Draft Utility Extension Grants Policy