



# REPORT

To: Chair and Directors

Report Number: DR-BRD-005

From: Leonard Hiebert, Director - Electoral Area D

Date: July 27, 2020

**Subject: Grant Request – North Rolla Lutheran Church and Cemetery**

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## **RECOMMENDATION: *[Corporate Weighted]***

That the Regional Board waive the Rural Budgets Administrative Committee Funding Policies to allow for the approval of a grant in the amount \$24,780, payable from Electoral Area D Peace River Agreements, Spending Item #4 – Assistance to Other Organizations, to be issued to North Rolla Lutheran Church and Cemetery to replace the rock foundation of the church building.

## **BACKGROUND/RATIONALE:**

The North Rolla Lutheran Church and Cemetery is requesting \$24,780 in grant funding to replace the rock foundation of the church. Under the Principles and Guidelines section of the Rural Budgets Administration Committee (RBAC) Funding Policies, the eligibility criteria states that applicants, if not a function of the Regional District, must be a not-for-profit society in good standing with the BC Registrar of Societies. North Rolla Lutheran Church and Cemetery does not meet this criteria and since RBAC does not have the authority to waive policy, this request is being brought forward to the Regional Board.

North Rolla Lutheran Church and Cemetery does operate as a not-for-profit organization and is registered as a charity with Canada Revenue Agency (CRA). They hold annual general meetings, have an established board of directors in place and maintain financial records. The applicant has provided their registration number, which has been verified and can be made available upon request. Furthermore, in August 2008, North Rolla Lutheran Church and Cemetery received a prior grant approval as per the resolution below.

## ***MOVED, SECONDED and CARRIED***

That the Rural Budgets Administration Committee approve up to a \$7,245 Area 'D' Fair Share grant payable to the North Rolla Lutheran Church for the replacement of the existing sidewalk and entrance landing of the church.

For further details, please see the attached grant application.

## **ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS:**

1. That the Regional Board respectfully deny the request to waive the Rural Budgets Administration Committee Funding Policies and not allow grant funds to be authorized for North Rolla Lutheran Church and Cemetery to assist with the rock foundation of the church building.
2. That the Rural Budgets Administration Committee provide further direction.

**STRATEGIC PLAN RELEVANCE:**

☒ Not Applicable to Strategic Plan.

**FINANCIAL CONSIDERATION(S):**

As of June 30, 2020, the balance available after remaining commitments for Electoral Area Peace River Agreements was \$1,071,941.98

**COMMUNICATIONS CONSIDERATION(S):**

The applicant will be notified in writing of the Rural Budgets Administration Committee's decision and, if supported, be asked to recognize the Regional District for its contribution.

**OTHER CONSIDERATION(S):**

A comprehensive review of the RBAC Funding Policies will be completed in the fall of this year to ensure that policies are consistent with local government legislative requirements and best practices in order to ensure that RBAC is functioning in a prudent and effective manner as outlined in the 2019-2022 Strategic Plan.

Any discrepancies, revisions or amendments identified as a part of this process will be brought forward to the Rural Budgets Administration Committee for review and then forwarded to the Regional Board for final consideration.

**Attachments:**

1. Grant Application – North Rolla
2. RBAC Funding Policies – Principles and Guidelines