



REPORT

To: Rural Budgets Administration Committee

Report Number: FN-RBAC-014

From: Teri Vetter, Chief Financial Officer

Date: July 23, 2020

Subject: Grant Request – City of Fort St. John, Centennial Park Festival Plaza

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Rural Budgets Administration Committee authorize a grant in the amount of \$140,000, payable from Electoral Area C Peace River Agreements, Spending Item #4 – Assistance to Other Organizations, to be issued to the City of Fort St. John to assist with the construction of the Centennial Park Festival Plaza.

BACKGROUND/RATIONALE:

The City of Fort St. John is requesting a grant to assist with the building of the Centennial Park Festival Plaza. The concept of the plaza was formed through a number of community engagement sessions and became part of the city's Downtown Action Plan to create an operational year round space for local business, not-for-profit organizations and clubs to host events. The plaza will be located at the northwest corner of Centennial Park at the intersection of 96th Avenue and 100th Street and will be designed to reflect the uniqueness of the area with influences from local ecology, landforms and culture.

For full details of the project and a breakdown of funding sources, please refer to the attached grant application.

ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS:

1. That the Rural Budgets Administration Committee respectfully deny the \$140,000 grant request from the City of Fort St. John and provide no grant funding to assist with the construction of the Centennial Park Festival Plaza.
2. That the Rural Budgets Administration Committee provide further direction.

STRATEGIC PLAN RELEVANCE:

☒ Not Applicable to Strategic Plan.

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATION(S):

The grant request for the Festival Plaza is \$140,000. The total cost of the project is \$3,272,330.36. As of June 30, 2020 the balance available for Electoral Area C, Peace River Agreements was \$2,906,097.07.

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 PRRD for its contribution.

OTHER CONSIDERATION(S):

None

Attachments:

1. Attach – FSJ Festival Plaza Application