



REPORT

To: Rural Budgets Administration Committee

Report Number: FN-RBAC-017

From: Teri Vetter, Chief Financial Officer

Date: August 6, 2020

Subject: Whiskey Jack Nordic Ski Club - Day Lodge Project Update

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Rural Budgets Administration Committee receive the report titled “Whiskey Jack Nordic Ski Club - Day Lodge Project Update – FN-RBAC-017,” which provides a progress update on the Beatton Park Day Lodge project, for discussion.

BACKGROUND/RATIONALE:

On June 18, 2020, the Rural Budgets Administration Committee passed the following resolution:

MOVED, SECONDED, and CARRIED

That the Rural Budgets Administration Committee send a letter to Whiskey Jack Nordic Ski Club to ask for information regarding the Beatton Park Day Lodge project.

Whiskey Jack Nordic Ski Club (WJNSC) has provided a progress update inclusive of a timeline for completion of the project. As noted in the update, construction has been delayed due to a late confirmation of funding from the Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program (ICIP). Construction is anticipated to begin in the spring of 2021.

The total cost to build the day lodge is budgeted at \$572,235. WJNSC has successfully secured 90% (\$522,235.00) of the funding required. They are still waiting to hear from the BC Gaming Capital Projects program on whether or not they are successful in securing a grant request of \$50,000. Most of the design and engineering components have been completed with only the support piles element to be completed.

RBAC has provided \$40,000 towards this project, \$20,000 each from Electoral Area B and Electoral Area C Fair Share. WJNSC received \$13,000 from the PRRD Regional Trails Grants-in-Aid program to assist with this project and the construction of an all accessible outhouse. \$2,380.79 of those monies was utilized to pay some of the engineering costs for the day lodge.

For more information, please see the attached timeline, budget and updated design.

ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS:

1. That the Rural Budgets Administration Committee provide further direction.

STRATEGIC PLAN RELEVANCE:

☒ Not Applicable to Strategic Plan.

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATION(S):

RBAC also authorized a loan in the amount of \$181,000 from the Rural Loan Fund. The term of the loan is 10 years and is contingent on the approval of WJNSC grant request to ICIP. WJNSC's intention was not to draw on the loan but to use it as leverage for the ICIP grant application. As shown in the attached budget information, the loan of \$181,000 is not included as part of the total revenue received for the project.

COMMUNICATIONS CONSIDERATION(S):

None at this time.

OTHER CONSIDERATION(S):

None at this time.

Attachments:

1. Attach - WJNSC Day Lodge Progress Update, July 31, 2020.