



REPORT

To: Chair and Directors

Report Number: FN-BRD-017

From: Teri Vetter, Chief Financial Officer

Date: September 28, 2020

Subject: Establishing a Service Function – Regional Grant-in-Aid Contributions

The following motion was deferred from the August 18, 2020 Special Regional Board Meeting and is being presented to the Regional Board for its consideration:

RESOLUTION ON THE FLOOR: [Corporate Unweighted]

SRD/20/08/02

MOVED Director Bertrand, SECONDED Director Zabinsky,

That the Regional Board consider STARS - Shock Trauma Airlift Rescue Society for the establishment of an Air Ambulance service function in the region.

RECOMMENDATION #2: [Corporate Unweighted]

That the Regional Board create a service function for Shock Trauma Airlift Rescue Society (STARS).

BACKGROUND/RATIONALE:

The Regional Grant-in-Aid Policy states that “Grant contributions to support operational funding for more than three consecutive years and in excess of \$50,000 per year will be evaluated by the Board of Directors to determine whether a service function should be established”. Since 2009, the PRRD has paid a total of \$1,836,528 to STARS under function 275 – Grants to Community Organizations. Health Care scholarships, community event grants, Search and Rescue grants, and many other grants currently under function 275 that have been previously approved in past years can no longer be permitted.

At the August 18, 2020 Special Board meeting, following the above noted resolution being put on the floor, a motion was made to defer voting on the motion (and the remaining three recommendations contained in the report titled ‘Establishing a Service Function – Regional Grant-in-Aid Contributions, FN-BRD-013’ until after the Board had discussed the subsequent agenda items, namely, ‘Economic Development Function Options, ADM-BRD-167’ and ‘Regional Grant-in-Aid – Function 275 and 280, ADM-BRD-068’.

Following consideration of the two subsequent reports, the Board resolved:

MOVED, SECONDED and CARRIED

That the Regional Board be provided with a report on the anticipated 2020 surplus balance of Function 275 – Grants to Community Organizations, and the potential to use the surplus to fund Regional Grants-in-Aid and Economic Development projects in the 2021 budget year, as the Board determines a path forward for economic development and grants to community organizations.

MOVED, SECONDED and CARRIED

That the Regional Board defer both consideration of Resolution No. SRD/20/08/02 which states: 'That the Regional Board consider STARS - Shock Trauma Airlift Rescue Society for the establishment of an Air Ambulance service function in the region' **and** the report titled "Establishing a Service Function – Regional Grant-in-Aid Contributions – FN-BRD-013" until the Board had been provided with a report on the anticipated 2020 surplus balance of Function 275 – Grants to Community Organizations, and the potential to use the surplus to fund Regional Grants-in-Aid and Economic Development projects in the 2021 budget year, as the Board determines a path forward for economic development and grants to community organizations.

Additionally, at the August 18, 2020 Special Board meeting, the Regional Board also resolved:

MOVED, SECONDED and CARRIED

That the Regional Board authorize that Recreation and Cultural Facilities Grants-in-Aid Conversion Bylaw No. 669, 1990 be amended to allow Electoral Area Directors to provide funding to organizations that operate or provide services within their jurisdictions.

The report titled '[2020 Surplus from F275 – Grants to Community Organizations, FN-BRD-015](#)' was received by the Board for discussion at its September 10, 2020 meeting.

The deferred resolution and corresponding report from the August 18, 2020 Special Board meeting are now back in front of the Board for consideration.

ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS:

1. That the Regional Board include Search and Rescue grants and Health Care Scholarships in the newly created service function for STARS.
2. That the Regional Board expand the amendment to Bylaw 669, 1990 to include medical services inclusive of Search and Rescue grants (SAR), STARS, and Health Care Scholarships.
3. That the Regional Board provide further direction.

STRATEGIC PLAN RELEVANCE:

- ☒ Organizational Effectiveness
- ☒ Comprehensive Policy Review

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATION(S):

None at this time.

COMMUNICATIONS CONSIDERATION(S):

None at this time.

OTHER CONSIDERATION(S):

None.

Attachments:

1. Establishing a Service Function – Regional Grant-in-Aid Contributions, FN-BRD-013
2. Bylaw 669, 1990_GIA