



REPORT

To: Chair and Directors

Report Number: ADM-BRD-492

From: Tyra Henderson, Corporate Officer

Date: April 4, 2024

Subject: Rec & Cultural Facilities and Services Grants in Aid Amendment Bylaw No. 2520

RECOMMENDATION#1: [Corporate Unweighted]

That the Regional Board approve addition of a New Business item to the April 4, 2024 Board Meeting agenda; namely, consideration of adoption of Recreation and Cultural Facilities and Services Grants-in-Aid Amendment Bylaw No. 2520, 2024 which is time sensitive, requiring adoption prior to April 15, 2024 to allow the changes approved in the amendment bylaw to be effective for the 2024 budget/taxation year.

RECOMMENDATION#2: [Corporate Unweighted]

That the Regional Board adopt Recreation and Cultural Facilities and Services Grants-in-Aid Amendment Bylaw No. 2520, 2024.

BACKGROUND/RATIONALE:

On January 11, 2024, the Regional Board gave three readings to Recreation and Cultural Facilities and Services Grants-in-Aid Amendment Bylaw No. 2520, 2024.

The Ministry of Municipal Affairs approved the bylaw on March 11, 2024 and the Board may now adopt the bylaw.

Adoption of the bylaw will finalize the increase to the scope of the authority of the service function to allow:

1. The ability to provide grants for youth sports and 4-H travel,
2. The ability to fund scholarships and bursaries for graduation high school students from the rural areas,
3. The ability for the Regional District to undertake maintenance and capital improvements to recreation and cultural facilities, and
4. A change to the method of apportionment of costs to fixed proportions for each participating electoral area (Area B, C, and E) in Function 280 – Recreation and Cultural Services Grants in Aid.

ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS:

1. That the Regional Board provide further direction.

STRATEGIC PLAN RELEVANCE:

- ☒ Not Applicable to Strategic Plan.

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATION(S):

The costs to provide the service shall be apportioned among the participating areas on the basis of a fixed proportion formula imposed in accordance with section 380 of the *Local Government Act*, and shall be apportioned as follows:

- Area B – 58.44%
- Area C – 11.37%
- Area E - 30.19%

Jurisdiction	Taxation	Grant Funding Available
Area B	\$224,559	\$220,000
Area C	\$43,707	\$46,000
Area E	\$116,015	\$106,000
Total	\$384,281	

COMMUNICATIONS CONSIDERATION(S):

The Surveyor of Taxes will be provided with the updated apportionment of costs for this function as part of the transfer of taxation information from the Regional District to the Province by the deadline of April 15, 2024.

OTHER CONSIDERATION(S):

The bylaw is subject to a one month 'quashing' period, in accordance with the *Local Government Act*, Section 623 – Court application to set aside bylaw or other instrument. Once the thirty-day period is over, staff will apply to the Ministry for a certificate of final approval.

Attachments:

1. Recreation and Cultural Facilities and Services Grants-in-Aid Amendment Bylaw No. 2520, 2024
2. Certificate of Approval Bylaw 2520

External Links:

1. [Report No. ADM-BRD-459, Function 280 Recreation and Cultural Scope Expansion](#)
(January 11, 2024 Regional Board Meeting Agenda, Item 9.2)