



REPORT

To: Rural Budgets Administration Committee

Report Number: FN-RBAC-307

From: Roxanne Shepherd, Chief Financial Officer

Date: April 25, 2024

Subject: Grant Request – Farmington Community Association

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Rural Budgets Administration Committee authorize a grant in the amount of \$80,000 payable from Function 120 – Electoral Area D Gas Tax – Recreation Infrastructure, to be issued to the Farmington Community Association to assist with the purchase of new playground equipment for Matthews Park.

BACKGROUND/RATIONALE:

Farmington Community Association (FCA) is requesting grant funding in the amount of \$80,000 to assist with the purchase of new playground equipment for Matthews Park. FCA owns and maintains both the community hall and park in the Farmington Area. The park is used for picnics, family reunions, school sports and community events. The previous playground in the park was built by volunteers in the 1980s. However, for safety reasons, the slides were taken down last summer and currently there are only two swings left to use. FCA believes that the upgrade of the playground will provide a modern and safe place to play which will hopefully encourage greater use of the park.

The Regional District has supported the FCA through an annual Rural Recreational Cultural Grant-in-Aid since 2001 in the total amount of \$202,761.59. FCA is a registered Society in good standing with the *Society Act of BC*.

ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS:

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

STRATEGIC PLAN RELEVANCE:

☒ Not Applicable to Strategic Plan

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATION(S):

As of March 31, 2024, the balance after remaining commitments in Electoral Area D - Community Works Gas Tax was \$708,585.15.

COMMUNICATIONS CONSIDERATION(S):

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

OTHER CONSIDERATION(S):

None at this time.

Attachments:

1. Grant Application – Farmington Community Association

External Links:

1. [Community Works Gas-Tax Grant Policy #0340-68](#)