



REPORT

To: Chair and Directors

Report Number: FN-BRD-308

From: Financial Administration

Date: November 21, 2024

Subject: Grant Request – Fort St. John Recreational and Speed Skating Club

RECOMMENDATION: [Corporate Weighted]

That the Regional Board authorize a grant in the amount of \$5,000, payable from Function 224 – Sport & Cultural Events Grant-In-Aid, to be issued to the Fort St. John Recreational & Speed Skating Club to assist with the combined Canadian Junior Long Track Championship and Canadian NeoJunior Long Track Championships on December 13-15, 2024.

BACKGROUND/RATIONALE:

The Fort St. John Recreational and Speed Skating Club will be hosting the Canadian Junior Long Track Championships and Canadian NeoJunior Long Track Championships as a combined event from December 13-15, 2024.

The Fort St. John Recreational & Speed Skating Club has been run by volunteers for the past sixty years. Due to the caliber of speed skating events, this Club has been asked to host three of the four national championships and the provincial championship. Due to significant cost and volunteer hour requirements, the organization needs community support to continue to host these events.

Fort St. John Recreational & Speed Skating Club has not received grant contributions from the Regional District in the past. They are a registered not-for-profit society in good standing with the *Societies Act* of BC.

ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS:

1. That the Regional Board respectfully deny the grant application from the Fort St. John Recreational and Speed Skating Club.
2. That the Regional Board provide further direction.

STRATEGIC PLAN RELEVANCE:

Not Applicable to Strategic Plan

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATION(S):

Function 224 was established by Bylaw 2473, 2022 in December 2022. In 2023 \$200,000 was requisitioned for the service with staff wages and indirect costs included for the year. In 2024 there was no requisition, and surplus carry forward from 2023 resulted in \$181,953 available in the 'General Grants' line item for 2024. So far in 2024 one grant in the amount of \$100,000, has been approved in this function.

COMMUNICATIONS CONSIDERATION(S):

The applicant will be notified in writing of the Regional Board’s decision and, if grant funding is approved, the applicant will be asked to recognize the Regional District for its contribution.

OTHER CONSIDERATION(S):

None at this time.

Attachments:

1. Grant Application – Fort St. John Recreational & Speedskating

External Links:

1. [Sports and Cultural Events Grant In Aid Policy](#)