



DIRECTOR REPORT

To: Chair and Directors

Report Number: DR-RBAC-001

From: Karen Gooding, Director

Date: March 4, 2021

Subject: Cemetery Grants Policy

PURPOSE / ISSUE:

As authorized by Section 56(B) of the Peace River Regional District Board Procedure Bylaw No. 2200, 2015, a director who voted affirmatively for a resolution adopted may move a reconsideration of the resolution. As a Director who voted affirmatively, I would like the Committee to reconsider the following motion from the February 18, 2020 Rural Budgets Administration Committee meeting:

“That the Rural Budgets Administration Committee authorize that Area B be removed from Section 1.1(c) and Section 4.1(b) of the Draft Amended Cemetery Grants Policy, and further,

That the Regional Board adopt the amended Cemetery Grants Policy, which allows member municipalities who provide Cemetery Services in Electoral Area C,D and E, to apply for a grant, and authorizes grant funds to be paid directly to recipients upon ratification by the Rural Budgets Administrative Committee”.

RECOMMENDATION / ACTION:

That the Rural Budgets Administration Committee vote again on the motion. If the motion is adopted, the motions stands, and will be forwarded to the Regional Board for authorization.

If the motion is defeated upon reconsideration, I would ask that recommendation #2 be approved to indicate how the Committee would like to proceed.

RECOMMENDATION #2:

That the Rural Budgets Administration Committee recommend that the Regional Board adopt the amended Cemetery Grants Policy, which allows member municipalities who provide Cemetery Services in Electoral Areas B, C, D and E, to apply for a grant, and authorizes grant funds to be paid directly to recipients upon ratification by the Rural Budgets Administrative Committee.

BACKGROUND/RATIONALE:

On February 18, 2021, the Rural Budgets Administration Committee passed the resolution noted above which I have asked the Board to reconsider. The request of my intent to have Area B removed from certain sections of the policy, was to remove the possibility of Area B providing grants to municipally operated cemeteries, as there are a number of cemeteries within Area B. After speaking with the Chief Financial Officer, I now realize that this amendment will not achieve the result I was seeking, and I would prefer the policy to go forward to the Board as originally proposed. Area B will remain in the

service function and will process grant applications from any applicant for cemetery operations, and either approve or deny those applications.

STRATEGIC PLAN RELEVANCE:

- ☒ Organizational Effectiveness
- ☒ Comprehensive Policy Review

Attachments:

1. Draft Cemetery Grants Policy 0340-59
2. Cemetery Services Establishment By-law No. 839, 1993