



REPORT

To: Committee of the Whole

Report Number: FN-COW-001

From: Lyle Smith, Chief Financial Officer

Date: April 8, 2020

Subject: 2020 Regional Grant-in-Aid Release of Funds

RECOMMENDATION #1: *[Corporate Unweighted]*

That the Committee of the Whole receive the April 8, 2020 report “2020 Regional Grant in Aid Release of Funds” for discussion.

RECOMMENDATION #2: *[Corporate Weighted]*

That the Committee of the Whole recommend that the Regional Board authorize a grant in the amount of \$50,000, payable from Function 275 – Grants to Community Organizations, Regional Grant-in-Aid, to be issued to the Bear Mountain Nordic Ski Association to assist with trail development and upgrades for the Nordic ski trails.

RECOMMENDATION #3: *[Corporate Weighted]*

That the Committee of the Whole recommend that the Regional Board authorize a multi-year grant in the amount of \$4,000 per year for three years beginning in 2020, payable from Function 275 – Grants to Community Organizations, Regional Grant-in-Aid, to be issued to the Dawson Creek Scouts to assist with their annual year end camp.

RECOMMENDATION #4: *[Corporate Weighted]*

That the Committee of the Whole recommend that the Regional Board authorize a multi-year grant in the amount of \$2,000 per year for three years beginning in 2020, payable from Function 275 – Grants to Community Organizations, Regional Grant-in-Aid, to be issued to the Dawson Creek Triathlon Association to assist with the Dawson Creek Triathlon being held annually in July.

RECOMMENDATION #5: *[Corporate Weighted]*

That the Committee of the Whole recommend that the Regional Board authorize a grant in the amount of \$3,000, payable from Function 275 – Grants to Community Organizations, Regional Grant-in-Aid, to be issued to the Fort St. John and District Kennel Club to assist with their Annual Dog Show being held from May 13-18, 2020.

RECOMMENDATION #6: *[Corporate Weighted]*

That the Committee of the Whole recommend that the Regional Board authorize a grant in the amount of \$10,000, payable from Function 275 – Grants to Community Organizations, Regional Grant-in-Aid, to be issued to the Fort St. John Literacy Society to assist with Dolly Parton’s Imagination Library program.

RECOMMENDATION #7: *[Corporate Weighted]*

That the Committee of the Whole recommend that the Regional Board authorize a grant in the amount of \$2,500, payable from Function 275 – Grants to Community Organizations, Regional Grant-in-Aid, to be issued to the High School Rodeo of BC Association to assist with the Provincial Championships being held from June 12-14, 2020.

RECOMMENDATION #8: *[Corporate Weighted]*

That the Committee of the Whole recommend that the Regional Board authorize a grant in the amount of \$20,000, payable from Function 275 – Grants to Community Organizations, Regional Grant-in-Aid, to be issued to the Northern Environmental Action Team to assist with the Climate Conversations Initiative.

RECOMMENDATION #9: *[Corporate Weighted]*

That the Committee of the Whole recommend that the Regional Board authorize a grant in the amount of \$12,394, payable from Function 275 – Grants to Community Organizations, Regional Grant-in-Aid, to be issued to the North Peace Search and Rescue Society to assist with mapping technology improvements.

RECOMMENDATION #10: *[Corporate Weighted]*

That the Committee of the Whole recommend that the Regional Board authorize a grant in the amount of \$10,380, payable from Function 275 – Grants to Community Organizations, Regional Grant-in-Aid, to be issued to the North Peace SuperPark Society to assist with core operational costs.

RECOMMENDATION #11: *[Corporate Weighted]*

That the Committee of the Whole recommend that the Regional Board authorize a grant in the amount of \$5,600, payable from Function 275 – Grants to Community Organizations, Regional Grant-in-Aid, to be issued to the Northern Trails Heritage Society to assist with the Strengthening Pride in the Community Initiative.

RECOMMENDATION #12: *[Corporate Weighted]*

That the Committee of the Whole recommend that the Regional Board authorize a grant in the amount of \$20,000, payable from Function 275 – Grants to Community Organizations, Regional Grant-in-Aid, to be issued to the Peace Community Church Society to assist with the Taylor Food Security Project.

RECOMMENDATION #13: *[Corporate Weighted]*

That the Committee of the Whole recommend that the Regional Board authorize a grant in the amount of \$10,000, payable from Function 275 – Grants to Community Organizations, Regional Grant-in-Aid, to be issued to the South Peace Arts Society to assist with educational and professional workshops for local artists throughout the Peace Region.

RECOMMENDATION #14: [Corporate Weighted]

That the Committee of the Whole recommend that the Regional Board authorize a multi-year grant in the amount of \$20,000 per year for three years beginning in 2020, payable from Function 275 – Grants to Community Organizations, Regional Grant-in-Aid, to be issued to Special Olympics BC - Dawson Creek to assist with core operational costs.

RECOMMENDATION #15: [Corporate Weighted]

That the Committee of the Whole recommend that the Regional Board authorize a multi-year grant in the amount of \$20,000 per year for three years beginning in 2020, payable from Function 275 – Grants to Community Organizations, Regional Grant-in-Aid, to be issued to the Spirit of the West Pow Wow Society to assist with the Spirit of the Peace Pow Wow held annually in June.

RECOMMENDATION #16: [Corporate Weighted]

That the Committee of the Whole recommend that the Regional Board authorize a multi-year grant in the amount of \$170,000 per year for three years beginning in 2020, payable from Function 275 – Grants to Community Organizations, Regional Grant-in-Aid, to be issued to the STARS Foundation to assist with core operational costs.

BACKGROUND/RATIONALE:

This report is being brought forward to the Committee of the Whole as a result the Special Board meeting held on March 19, 2020 where the following resolution was made:

MOVED, SECONDED, CARRIED

That the "PRRD Five Year Financial Plan (2020 – 2024) Bylaw No. 2407, 2020" be adopted; further, that staff be prohibited from releasing the Regional Grants-in-Aid funds until such time as a process has been created to allow the Board to individually consider each of the applications within the 275 Grants-in-Aid budget for 2020.

The Regional Grant-in-Aid policy establishes guidelines for the evaluation and allocation of grants funds as part of the budget process, and has been included for reference. Grant funding may be used to assist eligible organizations to carry out projects, services or events that are regional in scope and benefit residents. Each grant application has been reviewed by staff to ensure applicants meet the eligibility criteria as outlined in the policy. The Committee of the Whole may wish to use the following criteria to determine the merit of each request:

- a. New, Incremental Initiatives;
- b. Community Need;
- c. Geographic Scope;
- d. Community Development; and
- e. Cost Effectiveness.

A summary of the 2020 Regional Grant-in-Aid funding requests and a copy of each application has been included with this report.

ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS:

1. That the Committee of the Whole provide further direction.

STRATEGIC PLAN RELEVANCE:

- ☒ Not Applicable to Strategic Plan.

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATION(S):

The 2020 budget commitment for Function 275 – Grants to Community Organizations is \$487,507.00. In the event that some of the Regional Grant-in-Aid funds currently identified are not released, those unspent funds will be carried forward as surplus.

COMMUNICATIONS CONSIDERATION(S):

None.

OTHER CONSIDERATION(S):

None.

Attachments:

1. 2020 Regional Grant-in-Aid Application Package
2. Regional Grant-in-Aid Policy