



COLUMBIA SHUSWAP REGIONAL DISTRICT

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PREAMBLE:

The EOF were created specifically as a means of compensating for the loss of economic opportunities on those lands affected by the dams and reservoirs and the resultant economic impacts to the affected communities. As such, the EOF are to provide funding assistance for projects deemed by the participating members and ratified by the Corporate Board to be worthy of support in an effort to stimulate economic development within the impact areas.

Impact Areas are as follows:

- Golden and Area 'A'
- Revelstoke and Area 'B'
- Sicamous and Area 'E'
- Area 'B' only

Criteria for accessing each EOF will be based on the demonstrable and enduring benefit to the economy of the affected communities at large. The EOF are designed to stimulate economic generators, transportation facilities and infrastructure development supportable jointly by the participating members involved and approved by the Board.

The EOF shall not be used as grant-in-aid funding.

ONLY NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATIONS ARE ELIGIBLE FOR FUNDING

1. Date: July 6th, 2018
2. Name of Organization: Town of Golden
3. Address: Box 350 Golden, BC V0A 1H0
4. (a) Date organization established in the Regional District: 1957
(b) Registered Society in Province of BC:
Reg. No. Incorporated Municipality Date: _____
5. President: Mayor Ron Oszust Phone: 250-344-2271
Address: as above
6. Secretary: Jon Wilsgard Phone: 250-344-2271
Address: as above
7. Board of Directors
 1. C. Bruce Fairley
 2. C. Connie Barlow
 3. C. Eddie Leigan
 4. C. Chris Hambruch
 5. C. Leslie Adams
 6. C. Caleb Moss

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8. Executive Director or contact person: Jon Wilsgard, Corporate Officer
Phone: _____ Email: cao@golden.ca
9. Impact Area: Golden and Area 'A' of the CSRD
10. Society or Organization's objectives:
x GOOD GOVERNANCE
x PROVIDING SERVICES AND LAWS FOR COMMUNITY BENEFIT
x PROVIDING STEWARDSHIP OF PUBLIC ASSETS
x FOSTERING SOCIAL ECONOMIC AND ENVIRONMENTAL WELL BEING IN COMMUNITY
11. Purpose to which funding will be expended:
SEE ATTACHMENT
12. Funding Requested: \$ 15,000-
13. Budget (attach copy): \$ 75,000-
14. How will the project stimulate economic development within the community?
SEE ATTACHMENT
15. Details of community support for objectives:
SEE ATTACHMENT

COMPLETED APPLICATIONS SHOULD BE MAILED OR EMAILED TO:
COLUMBIA SHUSWAP REGIONAL DISTRICT
ATTN: MANAGER, FINANCIAL SERVICES
PO BOX 978, SALMON ARM, BC, V1E 4P1
finance@csrd.bc.ca

ATTACH ANY ADDITIONAL INFORMATION WHICH WOULD ASSIST
IN THE EVALUATION OF YOUR REQUEST.

Note: This summary MUST be completed to process your request.

ON BEHALF OF THE ORGANIZATION,
I/WE HEREBY DECLARE THAT ALL THE INFORMATION PRESENTED
AND/OR PROVIDED WITH THIS APPLICATION IS TRUE AND CORRECT.

DATED AT July 6th, 2018, BC THIS 6th DAY OF July, 20

Jon Wilsgard

NAME


SIGNATURE

250-344-2271

TELEPHONE

cao@golden.ca

EMAIL

Attachment to Application for Economic Opportunity Funds

The prospect of establishing a Community Forest in the Golden Timber Supply Area (TSA) has been a long standing notion amongst a number of local residents for nearly two decades. As timber harvesting volumes steadily decrease across the land base and the requirements for timber types becomes specialized amongst major licensees, as appurtenances of mills to communities no longer applies, and as major forest companies further disengage with communities in visions of desires and needs, the idealism of community forestry is becoming increasingly valid.

A Community Forest can be described as any forestry operation managed by a local government, community group, Indigenous Nation or community-held corporation for the benefit of the entire community. Community forestry involves the three pillars of sustainable development: social, ecological, and economic sustainability. At its core, community forestry is about local control over and enjoyment of the monetary and non-monetary benefits offered by local forest resources.

Rural communities and Indigenous Nations see community forests as a tool to help support their local economies and provide long term employment opportunities. Community Forests support local livelihoods, promote community participation and foster long term environmental stewardship. They encourage communication and strengthen relationships between Indigenous and non-Indigenous communities and individuals. They seek to promote innovation, conflict resolution and economic diversification. They provide opportunities for local training and skills-development.

Community forest agreements in BC are granted only to legal entities representing community interests. These may be a local government, an Indian Band (as defined under the Canada Indian Act), or a society, cooperative, or corporation that is community controlled and representative of community interests. They give the holder exclusive rights to harvest Crown timber on a specific land base (area based) and may grant the right to manage and charge fees for non-timber botanical products and any other prescribed forest products. Agreements are granted for a period of 25 years, replaceable every 10 years. Planning requirements are flexible enough to accommodate broadly based community objectives and allow for innovative and unconventional forest management.

There are over 50 Community Forests in BC today, ostensibly producing local economic benefits, while also providing for a variety of other forest uses deemed important to their adjacent populations, and being particularly sensitive to environmental longevity. This many licenses is a testament to their viability. The numerous benefits of community forestry include:

- Long-term community economic development resulting in the increased self-reliance of rural communities.
- Local employment in rural communities.
- Local-level decision making that leads to locally appropriate decisions and improves the incentives to consider the long-term benefits of sustainable management.
- Increased potential to resolve conflicts over timber harvesting in watersheds and other sensitive areas.
- Protection of drinking watersheds, viewsapes, and other values that are important to communities and to local and regional economic activity.
- Enhanced opportunities for education and research. Community forests can be laboratories for testing innovative forest practices.
- Community participation in resource management leads to an improved awareness of forest management among members of the public.

The notional outcry for a Community Forest has once again waxed in the community and a group of individuals being Golden's Mayor and CAO, the Area 'A' Director and two long-time residents and professional foresters have caucused and agreed that the time is right to finally research and determine the economic viability and local social requisites would be of a Community Forest.

Doing so will require the consultancy of a field professional(s) over a number of months to determine technical opportunities and constraints with respect to available volumes, types and locations of merchantable timber, and both the political and bureaucratic protocols to submit in order to achieve a license. Also needed is a community scan of some depth including local and regional Indigenous Peoples to surmise support, partnership opportunities, and collective visions defining a Community Forest's purpose and its expectations by those supporters.

The above group of individuals has recently met personally with the Minister of Forests, Lands, and Natural Resource Operations to speak of salient issues around this topic including Annual Allowable Cut deliberations, volume apportionment, and the application process for a Community Forest license. While unable to offer any guarantees, the Minister encouraged the community to undertake this very process that would potentially lead to an application to his office for such license. The timing is furthermore excellent for this project as the processes for determining the

The Town of Golden plans to submit an application by July 31st to the 5th uptake of the Rural Development Fund Program administered by the Province to fund this consultancy initiative. Under the program requirements, 20% of project costs must come from the applicant; hence, the \$15,000 request for EOF as 20% of an overall budget of \$75,000. The budget is reflective of consultant fees and expenses, research and publication needs, consultative processes and associated costs, development of preliminary partnership agreements and terms of reference, and travel and expenses as required for high level meetings with the Minister or executive level bureaucrats as required.

Thank you for your consideration of this application to Policy F-29. I look forward to hearing from you.

Jon Wilsgard, CAO
Town of Golden