



# BOARD REPORT

**TO:** Chair and Directors

**File No:** 1840 02

**SUBJECT:** Electoral Area Feasibility Study Fund – Area C Initiatives

**DESCRIPTION:** Report from Jodi Pierce, Manager, Financial Services dated January 24, 2019. Access to the Electoral Area Feasibility Study Funds.

**RECOMMENDATION #1:** THAT: access to the Electoral Area Feasibility Study Fund be approved in the amount of \$20,000 for a feasibility study to determine if sufficient community support for establishing a new service to provide annual funding to the Arts Council for the South Shuswap exists in the support of the many arts and cultural services that the Arts Council provides.

**RECOMMENDATION #2:** THAT: access to the Electoral Area Feasibility Study Fund be approved in the amount of \$20,000 for a feasibility study to determine if sufficient community support for establishing a new service to provide annual funding to the North and South Shuswap Community Resources Association exists in support of the programs that are offered for children, youth and families in recreational, sport, culture, early year intervention and family support areas.

## SHORT SUMMARY:

One of the key determinants in undertaking a feasibility study is demonstrated wide-spread support of a proposed study. The Electoral Area C Director has advised that he has received indication of the broad and sufficient support for these studies moving forward. The Arts Council for the South Shuswap would, if approved, have boundaries that are entirely within Area C. The feasibility study for the North and South Shuswap Community Programs would explore service area boundaries that may encompass a portion of Area F. Both organizations have widespread support in terms of memberships and users.

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**VOTING:** Unweighted Corporate  LGA Part 14 (Unweighted)  Weighted Corporate  Stakeholder (Weighted)

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## POLICY:

PR-17 Consideration of a New Service says that a community request for a new service which receives support from the applicable Director(s), may request the Board to access feasibility study funds for the cost to bring about the service.

## FINANCIAL:

Section 379 of the Local Government Act says that "if a regional district undertakes a service after conducting a feasibility study in respect of that service, the costs of that study are deemed to be costs of that service." Therefore, if the service proceeds, the feasibility study fund will be repaid, however, if the service does not become established the feasibility study fund will not be repaid.

**KEY ISSUES/CONCEPTS:**

The study objectives would include: impacts on property taxes; identification of service area boundaries; and, provide information necessary to proceed to an assent process, if widespread support can be demonstrated.

**IMPLEMENTATION:**

Upon Board approval of access to funds, a service establishment bylaw will be drafted, public consultation will be undertaken, and a public assent process would be conducted.

**COMMUNICATIONS:**

Upon Board approval of access to funds, information will be disseminated to residents of the proposed service area boundaries utilizing the CSRD website, social media, and traditional media sources. Public meetings will also be considered.

**DESIRED OUTCOMES:**

That the Board support the recommendation.

**BOARD'S OPTIONS:**

1. *Endorse the Recommendation.*
2. *Deny the Recommendation.*
3. *Defer.*
4. *Any other action deemed appropriate by the Board.*

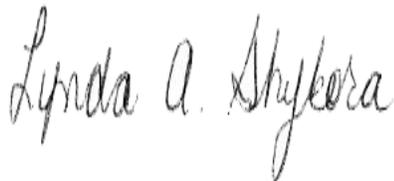
**LIST NAME OF REPORT(S) / DOCUMENT(S) AVAILABLE FROM STAFF:**

1. List reports

**Report Approval Details**

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This report and all of its attachments were approved and signed as outlined below:



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