



BOARD REPORT

TO: Chair and Directors

File No: 1850-31

SUBJECT: Golden and Area A Trail Alliance Economic Opportunity Fund resource request and sole source contract award.

DESCRIPTION: Report from Ryan Nitchie, Team Leader, Community Services, dated January 17, 2019. Authorization for the sole source contract award of Golden & Area Trail Alliance from Economic Opportunities Fund

RECOMMENDATION #1: THAT: With the concurrence of the Electoral Area A Director, and subject to a supporting resolution from the Town of Golden, the Board approve funding of \$35,000 annually from the Golden and Area A Economic Opportunity Fund in the years 2019, 2020 and 2021 to facilitate the establishment of a Trail Alliance organization.

RECOMMENDATION #2: THAT: subject to funding approval, the Board empower the authorized signatories to enter into an agreement with LARCH Landscape Architecture Authentic Mountain Design for consultative services to establish and administer a Golden & Area A Trail Alliance organization for a one year term effective March 1, 2019 to February 29, 2020, for a total cost of \$29,930 plus applicable taxes, with the option to extend the agreement for an additional two year term at the same terms, costs and conditions (plus an annual increase not exceeding BC CPI (All Items) expiring on February 28, 2022.

SHORT SUMMARY:

In 2018, the CSR Board of Directors received the Golden & Electoral Area A Regional Trail Strategy Report. The Regional Trail Strategy recommended several key initiatives with the highest priority recommendation to create a Trail Alliance organization. As indicated in the strategy, the Trail Alliance will become a collective or non-profit organization to serve as the organizational body through which local and regional leadership work together to develop and implement the Regional Trail Strategy. Economic Opportunity Funds (EOF) were determined to be an ideal source of funding for this initiative as a Trail Alliance will facilitate the needs of the community and stakeholders regarding trail development. Trail development is proven to stimulate economic development within communities.

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

BACKGROUND:

In 2016, CSR staff engaged with the Shuswap Trail Alliance and local trail recreational champions in Golden and Electoral Area A to facilitate two community meetings to investigate collaborative opportunities to inventory, develop and maintain a trail network within the region. These facilitated meetings gathered a wealth of local expertise and a diversity of perspectives from community members throughout Golden and Electoral Area A. The outcome of the

facilitated consultation sessions was a consensus to proceed with a Regional Trails Strategy for Golden and Electoral Area A. A Request for Proposals was issued and a contract was subsequently awarded to LARCH Landscape Architecture (Larch). Through a series of community engagement sessions and with the guidance of a working group comprised of staff and key stakeholders, the Regional Trails Strategy (Strategy) was completed in early 2018. The Strategy has been well received by the community and is already being used as a foundational document by Recreation Sites and Trails BC for land use referrals to their agency. Recreation Sites and Trails BC staff has been complimentary about the Strategy and fully support working collaboratively with a newly formed Trail Alliance organization to achieve the recommendations.

In determining the most effective and efficient means to deliver on the key recommendations, CSRD staff communicated with Larch to determine its capacity and level of interest in leading the next steps in formation of a Trail Alliance. Given its extensive background formulating the Strategy, familiarity with the region, relationships with stakeholder organizations and individuals, and its vested interest in the community, the CSRD met with Larch to gauge their interest in leading and administering the formation of a Trail Alliance group. Larch submitted a proposal with a scope based on the framework recommendations formulated within the Regional Trails Strategy.

Following discussions with the Electoral Area A Director, the Town of Golden Director and the Mayor, Town of Golden, consensus was reached that funding through the Economic Opportunity Fund would be an appropriate use, as the development and maintenance of a network of non-motorized and motorized trails throughout the region represents a significant economic development opportunity, enhances tourism infrastructure and promotes healthy communities through recreational opportunities.

POLICY:

In accordance with Policy No. F-32 "Procurement of Goods & Services", Board authorization must be obtained for any sole sourced contract over \$10,000.

This request meets the criteria for support in relation to CSRD Policy F-29, BC Hydro Payments-in-Lieu of Taxes funding assistance to stimulate economic development within Golden and Electoral Area A.

In accordance with Policy No. F-29 "BC Hydro Grants-In-Lieu For Power-Generating Facilities" the use of EOF funds are to stimulate economic generators, transportation facilities and infrastructure development in the impact area. EOF funds need to be supported jointly by the participating members involved and approved by the Board.

FINANCIAL:

The balance of the Golden and Area A Economic Opportunity Fund as at December 31, 2018 is approximately \$131,000. The 2019 distribution to be received in the summer of 2019 will increase the available funds by approximately \$427,500.

KEY ISSUES/CONCEPTS:

To solidify funding over a three year term to support the formation and implementation of a Trail Alliance organization for Golden and Electoral Area A, through a qualified consulting firm.

IMPLEMENTATION:

Upon Town of Golden Council and Board approval, an agreement will be developed and endorsed with Larch to begin the work associated with development of a Trail Alliance organization.

COMMUNICATIONS:

The consultant will be notified of the Board's decision. Information will be published on the CSRD's website, social media accounts and a media release will be disseminated.

DESIRED OUTCOMES:

The Board approve the recommendations as presented.

BOARD'S OPTIONS:

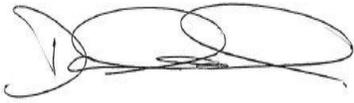
1. *Endorse the Recommendation(s).*
2. *Deny the Recommendation(s).*
3. *Defer.*
4. *Any other action deemed appropriate by the Board.*

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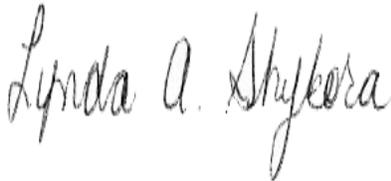
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