



# BOARD REPORT

**TO:****Chair and Directors****File No:** 1855 03**SUBJECT:****Sicamous to Armstrong Rail Trail – Canada Infrastructure Grant Application****DESCRIPTION:**

Report from Ryan Nitchie, Team Leader, Community Services, dated January 17, 2019. Sicamous to Armstrong Rail Trail Investing in Canada Infrastructure grant application.

**RECOMMENDATION  
#1:**

THAT: the Board empower the authorized signatories to submit an application for grant funding through the Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program – British Columbia – Rural and Northern Communities Infrastructure fund to a maximum amount of \$13,000,000 to fund 100% of the eligible costs to construct a non-motorized greenway trail along the rail trail corridor between the communities of Sicamous and Armstrong.

**SHORT SUMMARY:**

In December 2017, the Columbia Shuswap Regional District (CSR), in partnership with the Regional District of North Okanagan (RDNO) and the Splatins First Nation, acquired approximately 50 kilometres of abandoned railway between the communities of Sicamous and Armstrong. With the land acquisition now complete, the next steps are to develop the Rail Trail for public use. It was anticipated that senior government grant funding would be sought for the planning, development and construction of the Rail Trail.

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

The purpose of this strategic land acquisition is to develop a non-motorized public trail. To that end, the CSR and the RDNO entered into a memorandum of understanding with Splatins of the Secwepemc First Nation, owners of 11.7 hectares of rail trail land, to facilitate the establishment of a continuous, non-motorized active transportation route along the entire corridor from Sicamous to Armstrong. Staff is working collaboratively with representatives from the RDNO, Splatins and the Shuswap Trail Alliance to develop a preliminary concept plan and related cost estimates to develop and construct the rail trail corridor. Using recent engineering estimates and actual development costs from the Okanagan Rail Trail from Vernon to Kelowna, staff have established a preliminary budget with cost estimates for construction of the entire rail trail corridor from Sicamous to Armstrong and included those estimates into the grant application.

**POLICY:**

CSR Delegation Bylaw No. 5582 requires Board approval for grant application in excess of \$150,000.

**FINANCIAL:**

The total cost of the rail trail construction project is estimated at nearly \$13 million and will not proceed without successful grant funding.

**KEY ISSUES/CONCEPTS:**

Board authorization is required for any grant application in excess of \$150,000.

**COMMUNICATIONS:**

A copy of the Board resolution will be included with the Investing in Canada Infrastructure grant application.

**DESIRED OUTCOMES:**

The Board endorse the resolution to empower the authorized signatories to endorse the Investing in Canada Infrastructure grant application.

**BOARD'S OPTIONS:**

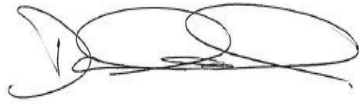
1. *Endorse the Recommendation.*
2. *Deny the Recommendation.*
3. *Defer.*
4. *Any other action deemed appropriate by the Board.*

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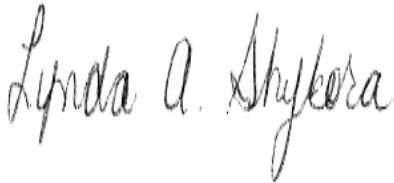
This report and all of its attachments were approved and signed as outlined below:



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