



BOARD REPORT

TO: Chair and Directors

File No: 1855 04

SUBJECT: Electoral Area C Community Works Fund – Bulk Water Fill Station – Sorrento Water System.

DESCRIPTION: Report from Terry Langlois, Team Leader, Utilities, dated May 28, 2019. Authorization to access the Community Works Fund monies from the Electoral Area C allocation to facilitate the purchase and installation of a bulk water fill station in Sorrento.

RECOMMENDATION: THAT: in accordance with Policy No. F-3 “Community Works Fund – Expenditure of Monies” access to the Community Works Fund be approved for up to \$30,000 plus applicable taxes from the Electoral Area C Community Works Fund allocation for the purchase and installation of equipment to provide a bulk water fill station in Sorrento, BC, this 20th day of June, 2019.

SHORT SUMMARY:

The total cost to install a bulk water fill station is estimated to be \$60,000. The Sorrento Water System’s Capital Reserve Fund will cover 50% of the project costs. Access to the Electoral Area C Community Works Fund allocation to fund the remaining 50% is being requested. The project involves running a water model along the water distribution system to determine a suitable location in terms of adequate infrastructure and room for trucks and trailers with water tanks to easily access the facility. The Sorrento Blind Bay Park has been identified as an adequate and appropriate location for the fill station. The bulk water fill station will provide access to safe potable water for residents and for other users such as the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure, Canadian Pacific Railway and others to access a bulk water supply if needed. The fill station will operate with a card reader which users will purchase swipe cards from the CSR.

VOTING:	Unweighted Corporate	<input type="checkbox"/>	LGA Part 14 (Unweighted)	<input type="checkbox"/>	Weighted Corporate	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Stakeholder (Weighted)	<input type="checkbox"/>
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BACKGROUND:

There are properties located within the community of Sorrento that cannot presently be serviced by the Sorrento Water System. These properties have a long history of water issues, both in terms of quantity and quality. The CSR has been in discussions with these property owners since 2012 and have been working on a long term plan to extend water service. However, this plan could still be several years away and the need for access to safe potable water is significant in this area. There are several properties outside of Sorrento that also have these same issues with inadequate water supply and quality. The bulk water fill station option will provide property owners and residents a viable option to access safe potable water. Other potential users of this fill station would be contractors, Ministry of Transportation, and CP Rail who in the past have accessed water through CSR fire hydrants. Utilizing water in this way through CSR hydrants does pose concerns with cross connections and damage to hydrants. The Electoral Area Director has provided verbal support to this initiative.

POLICY:

Policy No. F-3 “Community Works Fund - Expenditure of Monies” states that the expenditure of monies from the Community Works Fund will be approved by the Board.

FINANCIAL:

This project will be 50% cost shared by the Sorrento Waterworks Capital Reserve fund and the Electoral Area C Community Works Fund allocation. The bulk water will be sold through the issuance of swipe cards and the all revenue collected will be allocated into the Sorrento Waterworks Capital Reserve fund to replenish the capital contribution of \$30,000.

Funds will be allocated from the Electoral Area C Community Works fund allocation. The Electoral Area C Director has provided support for this initiative. The balance of the Area C Community Works Fund (Gas Tax) at May 31, 2019 is approximately \$1,431,000 after all previously approved commitments. The 2019 distribution is included in the above amount. Expenditure of the funds will be in accordance with the 2014-2024 Agreement between the UBCM and CSRD, dated July 7, 2014.

KEY ISSUES/CONCEPTS:

There are expected to be approximately 50 regular users of the bulk water fill station located within the community of Sorrento that cannot presently be serviced by the Sorrento Water System. These properties have a long history of water issues, both in terms of quantity and quality. A bulk water fill station provides an opportunity for these residents to access potable water in the area. Other commercial/industrial users have historically drawn water through service area fire hydrants which add cross control and hydrant damage concerns that will be alleviated with the development of a bulk water fill station.

COMMUNICATIONS:

The CSRD will solicit quotations for the project in accordance with CSRD Purchasing Policy No. F-32 - Procurement of Goods & Services.

DESIRED OUTCOMES:

The Board will endorse the recommendation to allow for access to the Community Works Fund monies for this project.

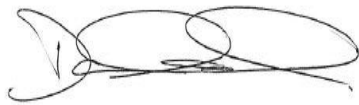
BOARD'S OPTIONS:

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

Report Approval Details

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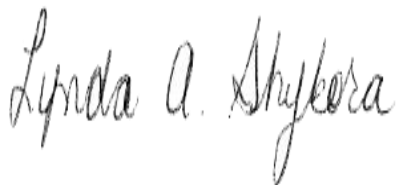
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