



# BOARD REPORT

**TO:**

Chair and Directors

**File No:** 6140 40 16**SUBJECT:**

Electoral Area Feasibility Study Fund – Centennial Field

**DESCRIPTION:**

Report from Ryan Nitchie, Team Leader Community Services dated June 27, 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 \$25,000 for a feasibility study to determine if sufficient community support exists to establish a new service to acquire, develop, manage and operate a regional park in the Blind Bay area of Electoral Area C, this 18<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2019.**SHORT SUMMARY:**

One of the key determinants in undertaking a feasibility study is demonstrated wide-spread support of a proposed service. The 2017 Electoral Area C Parks Master Plan (Plan) engaged residents through various forms of public consultation. The Plan recommends, as the highest priority item, acquisition of park land for the purposes of developing a regional park in the Blind Bay area. The Electoral Area C Director advises there is indication of broad and sufficient support for this study to move forward for a community park service encompassing all of Electoral Area C. Accordingly, staff is recommending access to the Electoral Area Feasibility Study Fund for the costs associated with establishing a new service.

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

Staff have successfully negotiated a Purchase Agreement with the land owners to acquire a property located in the Blind Bay area for the purpose of community park development.

The establishment of a service area bylaw is the mechanism that will formally establish the Centennial Field Community Park Service in Electoral Area C. Identified within Bylaw No. 5800, 2019 the service proposed is to acquire, develop, manage and operate a regional park within the subject property. With the purchase agreement executed and a service area establishment bylaw and a loan authorization bylaw given three readings at the CSR D Board meeting on June 20, 2019, the CSR D will be able to initiate a public assent process after the two bylaws are approved by the Inspector of Municipalities.

The Board has authorized staff to utilize the Alternative Approval Process as the form of elector assent.

Access to feasibility funds is needed to cover the costs of legal and administrative fees associated with the development of the purchase agreement and to conduct the Alternative Approval Process.

**POLICY:**

CSR D Procedure PR-17, Consideration of a New Service, indicates upon community request for a new service from a community, which receives initial support from the applicable Director(s), staff may

request the Board to access the appropriate feasibility study funds for the cost associated with bringing about the service.

**FINANCIAL:**

Section 379 of the Local Government Act indicates 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 replenished.

**IMPLEMENTATION:**

Upon Board approval, the requisite legal and administrative expenses will be covered.

**DESIRED OUTCOMES:**

That the Board support the recommendation.

**BOARD'S OPTIONS:**

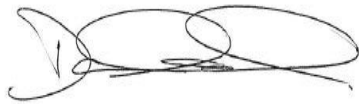
1. *Endorse the Recommendation.*
2. *Deny the Recommendation.*
3. *Defer.*
4. *Any other action deemed appropriate by the Board.*

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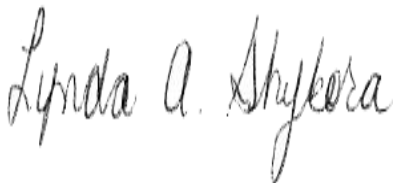
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