



BOARD REPORT

TO: Chair and Directors

File No: 1855-04

SUBJECT: Community Works Funds Supplement Allocation

DESCRIPTION: Report from Jodi Pierce, Manager, Financial Services, dated July 29, 2019.

RECOMMENDATION #1: THAT: the Board endorse allocation of the 2019 one-time federal Top-up funding payment of Community Works Funds in the amount of \$926,691 to the 10% all area Community Works Funds.

SHORT SUMMARY:

The Community Works Fund (CWF) is delivered twice annually to all local governments in British Columbia to support local priorities. The July 2019 distribution included a one-time federal Top-Up funding payment, which was committed by the Government of Canada in Budget 2019. The supplemental amount for the Columbia Shuswap Regional District is \$926,691.

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

BACKGROUND:

The Federal Gas Tax funds, delivered through the CWF program and administered through UBCM, are based on a per capita formula with a funding floor, and delivered twice annually. As projects are identified at a local government level and not approved by UBCM in advance, local governments must make a determination on whether a project meets the eligibility requirements set out in the CWF agreement and report annually on these projects and their outcomes. While Community Works Funds may be used for a broad range of eligible costs for eligible projects, not every local infrastructure will be eligible and expenditure of the funds must be in accordance with the 2014-2024 Agreement between the UBCM and CSR, dated July 7, 2014.

In 2019, the federal government supported a one-time "Top-up" payment through the federal budget process. There was no recommendation through UBCM or the federal government on allocation of funds within the Local Governments so it is up to each local government to determine the allocation of funding. Staff is recommending that the entire top-up amount be allocated to the all area funding stream. The basis for this recommendation is that: 1) the Board has committed the annual funding within the all area fund to asset management projects for the next five years leaving no funding available for other eligible projects; 2) most electoral areas have a healthy balance within the electoral area allocation; and, 3) the all area funds could be used to supplement emergent CSR priorities within areas that do not have sufficient funds to undertake identified projects.

POLICY:

The agreement does not determine how any of the funds are to be allocated and therefore the annual payment is allocated in accordance with Policy F-3 wherein 10% is allocated to the all area fund, 10%

allocated equally to each electoral area as base funding, and the remaining 80% distributed on a per capita basis. The policy does not speak to allocation of top-up funds.

FINANCIAL:

The one-time top up payment can enhance opportunities for funding eligible projects in accordance with the 2014-2024 Agreement between the UBCM and CSRD, dated July 7, 2014.

KEY ISSUES/CONCEPTS:

Allocation of funds to the all area fund will allow for strategic planning by the Board as a whole to identify projects that are of concern for the broader regional community and/or to help to alleviate the challenges that some of the smaller electoral areas face when trying to fund CSRD identified priorities.

IMPLEMENTATION:

If the allocation is endorsed by the Board, finance staff will allocate the funds to the appropriate reserve account and invest appropriately until utilized.

DESIRED OUTCOMES:

That the Board endorse the staff recommendation.

BOARD'S OPTIONS:

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

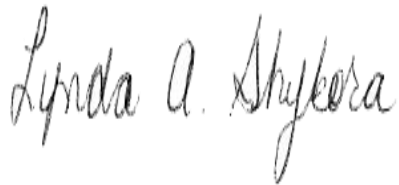
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