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Dear Jodi:

RE: Economic Opportunity Fund Counterpropositions and Re-Application

This letter references resolutions made by the CSRD board at its May 19th, 2022 meeting being:

[THAT the Board support the allocation of \$550,000 from the Golden and Area A Economic Opportunity Fund (EOF) allocation for 2022 and an annual allocation of \$325,000 from the Golden and Area A EOF for both 2023 and 2024, to be utilized towards the construction of a new indoor aquatic centre for Golden and Area A] ...

And

[THAT the Board support the allocation of \$250,000 from the Golden and Area A Economic Opportunity Fund (EOF) allocation for 2022 from the Golden and Area A EOF to be utilized towards the construction of a multi outdoor sport park adjacent to the Mount 7 Rec Plex in Golden in accordance with the Town of Golden's Rec-Plex Master Parks Plan, subject to concurrence from the Town of Golden] ...

At its regular meeting held June 7th, 2022 the Town of Golden Council passed the following resolutions:

THAT Council SUPPORTS the allocation of \$131,049 from the Golden and Area A Economic Opportunity Fund (EOF) allocation for 2022 to support fundraising and eventual construction of an indoor aquatic centre for Golden and Area A subject to:

- concurrence from Area A Director;
- a successful referendum for a capital loan to offset the capital costs of a new aquatic centre;
- receipt of the annual EOF distribution.

And

THAT Council SUPPORTS the allocation of \$131,049 from the Golden and Area A Economic Opportunity Fund (EOF) allocation for 2022 toward the construction of a multi outdoor sport pace adjacent to the Mount 7 Rec Plex in Golden in accordance with the Town of Golden's Rec-Plex Master Parks Plan subject to:

- concurrence from Area A Director;
- receipt of the annual EOF distribution.



Succinctly, the Town of Golden Council has counter-proposed EOF funding toward the two same initiatives identified by the board for 2022 in identical but lesser amounts. The rationale cited is to provide between the Whitetooth Ski Hill Legacy Fund allocation division and EOF that \$1million each could go toward the aquatic centre and the sport park and an ongoing balance in EOF would remain unencumbered for future Councils' (post-election this year) to deliberate on. To this end, future allocations of EOF toward any initiative were not discussed or endorsed and concurrence with the original CSRD board resolutions has been limited to 2022 only, and then only in application, not in allocation amount.

Commensurate with these resolutions, the Town Council also passed the following resolution:

THAT Council SUPPORT the contribution of \$180,000 from the EOF in 2022 as a grant to the Golden Community Economic Development Society for social and CED services provided to the Golden area.

Being similar to contributions toward services provided by this agency for the past three years, its is my assumption that application to Policy F-29 remains solvent but if this requires a renewed application under this policy please let me know.

At this juncture in accordance with EOF protocol, concurrence by the Area A Director is required for both these counter proposals and service contribution to be considered by the CSRD board.

Director Cathcart is copied on this letter as means to solicit and convey her position to you on these propositions by Council. My assumption shall be that if there is concurrence, the resolutions will be brought to the CSRD board for ratification. If not, communication to the mayor or myself would suffice.

Thank you for your attention in this matter.

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c. Karen Cathcart, Area A Director, CSRD

