



BOARD REPORT

TO:

Chair and Directors

File No: 6140 20 16

SUBJECT:

Electoral Area A – Nicholson Boat Launch

DESCRIPTION:

Report from Ryan Nitchie, Team Leader, Community Services, dated February 2, 2018. Nicholson Boat Launch Community Works Funds and Columbia Basin Trust Recreation Infrastructure Grant Application.

**RECOMMENDATION
#1:**

THAT: in accordance with Policy No. F-3 "Electoral Area Community Works Fund – Expenditure of Monies" access to the Electoral Area Community Works Fund be approved in the amount of \$270,000 plus applicable taxes from the Electoral Area A Community Works Fund allocation for construction of a boat launch at the Columbia River near Nicholson in Electoral Area A;

AND FURTHER THAT: the Board empower the authorized signatories to submit a grant application to the Columbia Basin Trust in the amount of \$216,889 for the construction of a boat launch at the Columbia River near Nicholson in Electoral Area A, and enter into any subsequent agreements respecting the receipt and use of the grant monies.

SHORT SUMMARY:

The 2007 Electoral Area A Parks Plan identifies public access to the Columbia River as a high priority initiative. Staff is working collaboratively with a private land owner in the Nicholson area to receive a Statutory Right of Way over a portion of property to construct a public boat launch in the Nicholson area along the Columbia River. In addition to the boat launch, the park will include common amenities such as a vault toilet, picnic tables, garbage and recycling receptacles, gates and fences and a gravel access road and parking area. This project is deemed eligible by the Columbia Basin Trust for a Recreation Infrastructure Program grant.

VOTING:

Unweighted
Corporate



LGA Part 14
(Unweighted)



Weighted
Corporate



Stakeholder
(Weighted)



BACKGROUND:

In accordance with the 2007 Electoral Area A Parks Plan and following consultation with the Electoral Area A Parks Advisory Committee and the Electoral Area A Director, development of a public boat launch into the Columbia River in the Nicholson area of Electoral Area A is planned for 2018. With the assistance of the parks planning consultants, a concept plan has been created and presented to a private land owner whose property is in a suitable location for a boat launch facility. The concept plan was subsequently approved by the private land owner. Staff is currently working with the planning consultants to discharge the current Statutory Right of Way in favour of the CSR in exchange for a new Statutory Right of Way which aligns with the new site plan. Staff is also working with Development Services to investigate any land use permits including permission from the Agricultural Land Commission as the property lies within the Agricultural Land Reserve. The project qualifies as an eligible project for the Columbia Basin Trust Recreation Infrastructure Grant program.

POLICY:

Policy No. F-3 "Electoral Area Community Works Fund – Expenditure of Monies" states that the expenditure of monies from the Community Works Fund will be approved by the Board at a regular meeting of the Board.

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

FINANCIAL:

The most recent Opinion of Probable Cost from the planning consultants estimates the project will cost approximately \$543,000 plus contingency. The 2018 Electoral Area A Parks budget allocates \$98,000 towards the construction of the boat launch. The balance of the project would be funded using Electoral Area A Community Works Funds and Columbia Basin Trust Recreation Infrastructure Program grant funds. The balance of the Area A Community Works Fund (Gas Tax) at December 31, 2017 is \$740,000 after all previously approved commitments. The 2018 distribution is not 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:

Board authorization is required for expenditure of Community Works Funds. In addition, 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 Columbia Basin Trust Recreation Infrastructure Grant program application.

DESIRED OUTCOMES:

The Board endorse the resolution to expend funds from the Community Works Funds for Electoral Area A and empower the authorized signatories to endorse the Columbia Basin Trust Recreation Infrastructure program grant application.

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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