



**Date:** 08/06/2017

## **AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY**

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**To:** Chair and Directors, Cariboo Regional District Board

**And To:** Janis Bell, Chief Administrative Officer

**From:** Lore Schick, Deputy Corporate Officer

**Date of Meeting:** Cariboo Regional District Board\_Jun09\_2017

**File:** 1850-01

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### **Short Summary:**

Late Item - Funding Request from Xeni Gwet'in Youth Wagon Trip Committee

### **Voting:**

Corporate Vote - Unweighted

### **Memorandum:**

Correspondence has been received from the Xeni Gwet'in Youth Wagon Trip Committee, requesting a donation in support of the Xeni Gwet'in Youth Wagon Trip on June 22-29, 2017. This request is being presented as a late item and without a Grants for Assistance application form, due to the event being held before the next Board meeting, and insufficient time to request a form from the applicants.

### **Attachments:**

Correspondence from the Xeni Gwet'in Youth Wagon Trip Committee

### **Financial Implications:**

Sufficient funds exist to accommodate this request

### **Policy Implications:**

Should the Board wish to provide funding in the form of a Grant for Assistance, policy requiring that applicants fill out a Grants for Assistance application form, will need to be waived.

The Board may wish to consider the following excerpts from the Grants for Assistance Policy when considering this application:

#### *2. Principles*

- a) *The Cariboo Regional District Board does not intend to utilize these provisions of the Local Government Act to provide on-going financing, but rather to assist with special events and /or projects.*

- b) *The Cariboo Regional District Board does not intend to provide assistance under these provisions of the Local Government Act to replace the financial responsibilities of senior levels of government, other governments or government agencies and affiliates, or to replace primary funding opportunities such as grants offered by senior levels of government.*
- c) *The Cariboo Regional District Board has both statutory and budgetary limitations on the amount of funds available for providing assistance under the provisions of the Local Government Act and wishes to ensure that these funds are disbursed as fairly and equitably as possible to deserving applicants with due regard to the degree of benefit that will result to the taxpayers that will be responsible for paying for the assistance provided.*
- d) *The Cariboo Regional District Board has an obligation to all of its citizenry to protect the regional district from exposure to liability that could arise as a result of its funding relationships.*

and

- 4)e) *The following shall be considered in evaluating and prioritizing the applications for assistance:*
  - i. *Is the purpose for which funding is requested, consistent with the purpose and principles of the Grants- for-Assistance program?*
  - ii. *Does the organization have the capacity to deliver the proposed project or event?*
  - iii. *Is the amount of grant reasonable when compared with the potential community benefits?*
  - iv. *Has the applicant previously received assistance from the Cariboo Regional District or its member municipalities?*
  - v. *Has the organization publicly recognized previous financial assistance provided by the Cariboo Regional District and do they have suitable plans for recognition of this grant funding if approved?*
  - vi. *Has the organization reported on the completion of previous grant projects and events?*

Staff Note: In regard to point (iv), this organization received \$2,000 in assistance from the Area J Discretionary fund for the 2016 Youth Wagon Trip.

**Alignment with Strategic Plan:**

- Ensuring Sufficient and Sustainable Funding
- Building on our Relationships
- Providing Cost Effective High Quality Services
- Focusing on Being Well Governed

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**CAO Comments:**

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**Options:**

- 1) Receipt, waive policy, and approve funds, indicating which Electoral Area Grants for Assistance budget(s) the funds are to be drawn from
- 2) Receipt
- 3) Defer

**Recommendation:**

That the agenda item summary from Lore Schick, Deputy Corporate Officer, dated June 8, 2017, and attached correspondence from the Xeni Gwet'in Youth Wagon Trip Committee, dated June 7, 2017, requesting sponsorship for the 2017 Xeni Gwet'in Youth Wagon Trip, be received.  
*Further action at the discretion of the Board.*

Chief Roger William  
Cariboo Regional District

June 7, 2017

**Donation Letter**

The Xenigwet' in Youth Wagon Trip happens annually one week before the Williams Lake Stampede. 2009 was the 1st Annual Youth Wagon Trip to Williams Lake. The last wagon to leave Nemiah Valley was over 40 years ago. Our goal is for our youth to retrace the steps of their Ancestors while creating their own footprints in history. June 22 - 29, 2017 will be the 9th Annual Xenigwet' in Youth Wagon Trip.

The trip represents our culture and our traditions; most importantly, this trip symbolizes our value for our youth and our horses. Our wagon trip is an effective strategy that reintroduces our people with the land and their surroundings. Many of our community members say this is like a big family reunion, it's great when families share activities together, and that is why Nemiah is such a strong community. We understand the value of our culture and traditions. Your help with the trip will definitely help in making this one a success. This event is great for the youth because it prevents drugs and alcohol. It's great for mental health, physical condition and limits distractions such as iPods, mp3 players, PSP players, because electronic items are prohibited on this trip.

We, The Wagon Trip Committee believe that this is a very good investment because the trip revolves around youth building their skills on horsemanship, traditions, culture and learning from our elders. Not only does this opportunity great for our youth, but a great way to build relationship with our surrounding community, like Williams Lake. With your help, the committee request two options:

A.) Something that can be auctioned off at a fundraiser.

B.) Cash or check donation of \$1500 to \$5,000 or what you can offer.

Cheques payable to: ?Eniyud Health Services

PO Box 51

Nemiah Valley, BC V0L 1X0

Thank you for considering our request. Should you require more information or have any questions, please feel free to contact us at (250) 394-7023 Ext #204 Attn: Annie Setah-William I will follow up with a phone call in the next couple of days.

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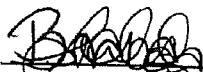
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