



Regional Board Report

TO: Regional Board

FROM: Murray Kopp
Director of Parks Services

DATE: August 26, 2019

SUBJECT: Ellison Heritage School Community Centre Operating and Recreation Program Delivery Agreement

Voting Entitlement: *All Directors – Weighted Vote – Simple Majority – LGA 210.2*

Purpose: To seek Board approval to authorize the operating and recreation program delivery agreement with the Ellison Parks & Recreation Society for the Ellison Heritage School Community Centre.

Executive Summary:

The Regional District owns a facility in the Central Okanagan East Electoral Area known as the Ellison Heritage School Community Centre. The Regional District currently contracts with the Ellison Parks & Recreation Society to operate and maintain the community centre. The previous agreement has expired and was extended on a month-to-month basis as the Society and the Regional District negotiated a new contract.

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT the Regional Board approve the Ellison Heritage School Community Centre Operating and Recreation Program Delivery Agreement with the Ellison Parks & Recreation Society for a term of three (3) years commencing upon the date of execution of the agreement and terminating on the 31st of December 2022.

Respectfully Submitted:

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Murray Kopp
Director – Parks Services

Approved for Board's Consideration

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Marilyn Rilkoff, Deputy CAO

Implications of Recommendation:

Strategic Plan:	The recommendation is consistent with the Regional District's Strategic Priorities 2019 - 2022 Sustainable Communities supporting efforts to create a safe and healthy environment in which all people can enjoy access. The contract with the Ellison Parks & Recreation Society makes use of the volunteerism within the Ellison community to offer recreation programming while maintaining the current tax rate. The recreation programming offered is tailored to the desires of the Ellison residents, helping maintain their rural lifestyle.
General:	The Ellison Heritage School Community Centre Operating and Recreation Program Delivery Agreement will support continued involvement of the Ellison Parks & Recreation Society (EPRS) in the operations and recreation programming of the community hall to the benefit of the community and citizens of Ellison.
Financial:	The 2019 – 2023 RDCO Five Year Financial Plan and specifically, the Ellison Heritage School Community Centre Service Program budget has allocated sufficient funds in the operating budgets to support the proposed contract.
Legal/Statutory Authority:	Regional District of Central Okanagan Electoral Area 'I' Ellison Heritage Community Centre Local Service Area Establishment Bylaw No. 852, 1999.

Background:

The present school building was built in 1911/12 on land donated in 1894 for school purposes and is listed in the Central Okanagan Heritage Resource Inventory as a Heritage Site. In 1996 when a new school opened in Ellison, the heritage school was closed and reverted back to Crown.

The Regional Board at its meeting of April 1, 1996, adopted the following resolution:

“THAT the report dated March 19, 1996, be received;

AND FURTHER THAT the Regional Board grants permission for staff to co-ordinate with School District #23 the transfer of this property to the Regional District;

AND FURTHER THAT an application be submitted to Crown Lands for Lot 1, Plan 11862, DL 121, ODYD, including the buildings that are situated on this lot;

AND FURTHER THAT the cost of maintenance of this lot and the buildings be part of the Eastside Parks Function;

AND FURTHER THAT staff meet with residents in the Ellison Area to determine community use of the lot and buildings.”

In 1999, a referendum was held for the establishment of a local service area for the purpose of funding renovations and construction of a community hall/fire hall on the school site and to authorize capital borrowings for these purposes.

In 2000 a Crown Grant application was submitted under the ministry's free Crown grant program and approved for a community hall, fire hall, administration centre and community policing

office. The transfer of ownership was completed with the RDCO registered as the Owner in Fee Simple.

In 2001, the Ellison Parks and Recreation Society agreed to lease a portion of the school for use as a Community Centre. The Agreement was for 19 months with a right of renewal.

In 2003, a Lease Agreement was approved for a 5 year term, ending on December 31st, 2007, with a provision for extension of the term, on such terms and conditions as the parties may mutually agree.

Regional Parks Services staff and the Society have negotiated the attached agreement summarized as follows:

- Three year term terminating on December 31st, 2022;
- Society schedules all activities in the hall;
- Society is responsible only for the hall;
- Society provides and pays for all the operations and maintenance of the hall including janitorial services;
- The Regional District is responsible for Major Capital improvements of the hall;
- Society can create a reserve account for future capital and operating expenses;
- Society must be accountable to the Regional District for all financial obligations and will provide monthly hall use reports and bi-annual financial statements;
- all other legal requirements normally found in a Regional District agreement including insurance and indemnification requirements.

Financial Considerations:

As part of the operating agreement, the Society agrees to pay the Regional District twenty percent (20%) of all gross revenue received from all third party rentals as permitted by the agreement. In addition, the Society will allocate a minimum of \$5,000 annually to the Community Centre recreational programming budget for programs that target all members of the community as identified in the agreement.

Considerations not applicable to this report:

- Organizational Issues
- External Implications
- Alternative Recommendation

Attachment(s):

- Ellison Heritage School Community Centre Operation and Recreation Programming Agreement (2019 – 2022)