



Regional Board Report

TO: Regional Board

FROM: David Komaike
Director of Engineering Services

DATE: July 23, 2021

SUBJECT: Fire Danger Rating Signs – Community Works Fund – Budget Amendment

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

Purpose: To consider a request from the Director of Central Okanagan West Electoral Area for a capital budget amendment and use of the Community Works Grant Funds to install 3 Fire Danger Rating signs in the West Electoral Area.

Executive Summary:

The 2021 capital budget for the Wilson's Landing Fire Department included the design, construction and installation of a new Fire Danger Rating Sign in the amount of \$10,000.

Recently, the Area Director has requested the placement of a fire danger rating sign adjacent to each of the two remaining fire halls in the electoral area. These would be installed near the North Westside Fire Hall No. 101 and No. 102.

The proposed funding for the purchase and installation of the two additional fire rating danger signs would be through the Community Works Grant Fund. The full request, based on fairness is to use Community Works Grant Funds for all three (3) signs and to transfer the Wilson's Landing Fire Department \$10,000 capital budget amount back to their capital reserves account.

Should the Board support this request, the recommendations below are provided for consideration and approval.

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT the Regional Board approve using \$30,000 of Electoral Area West Community Works Grant Funds for the installation of a fire rating danger sign located at the North Westside Fire Hall No. 101 and No.102 and the Wilson's Landing Fire Department.

AND THAT the Regional Board requests staff to prepare a budget amendment that allocates \$30,000 of Electoral Area West Community Works Grant Funds for the installation of three Fire Danger Rating Signs and transfers a \$10,000 capital budget amount back to the Wilson's Landing Fire Department capital reserves account.

Respectfully Submitted:



David Komaike, Director of Engineering Services

Approved for Board's Consideration



Brian Reardon, CAO

Implications of Recommendation:

Strategic Plan: Supports the Boards Sustainable Communities and Environmental strategic priorities.

Financial: The Community Works Fund (CWF) is delivered to all local governments in British Columbia through a direct annual allocation to support local priorities.

Background:

The Community Works Fund (CWF) is one of three program streams established under the Administrative Agreement on the Federal Gas Tax Fund in British Columbia (GTA).

The CWF transfers over \$100 million in federal revenues annually to local governments in British Columbia. In total, the CWF will deliver an estimated \$1.19 billion over ten years. In turn, local governments invest CWF allocations within a range of capital and capacity building projects in accordance with the program's eligibility framework.

In order to receive annual CWF allocations, all local governments enter into an agreement with UBCM which sets out the terms and conditions of the program, including outlining eligible project categories, eligible costs and reporting requirements. The agreement also lays out provisions for providing funding to a third party for eligible projects.

Eligible Project Categories:

CWF funding can be used towards eligible costs of the following eligible investment categories:

- Local roads, bridges
- Short-sea shipping
- Short-line rail
- Regional and local airports
- Broadband connectivity
- Public transit
- Drinking water
- Wastewater
- Solid waste
- Community energy systems
- Brownfield redevelopment
- Sport infrastructure

- Recreational infrastructure
- Cultural infrastructure
- Tourism infrastructure
- Disaster mitigation
- Capacity building

The purchase and installation of the Fire Danger Rating Signs would fit under the “Disaster Mitigation” category.

Financial Considerations:

The Community Works Fund Reserve for the Electoral Area West currently has an approximate balance of \$3,060,000.



RDCO - Fire Danger Rating Sign

Alternative Recommendation:

That the Regional Board receives the Fire Danger Rating Signs – Community Works Fund – Budget Amendment Report for information.