



Regional Board Report

TO: Regional Board

FROM: David Komaïke
Director of Engineering Services

DATE: September 27, 2021

SUBJECT: UBCM Asset Management Planning Program Grant

Voting Entitlement: All Directors – Unweighted Corporate Vote – Simple Majority – LGA 208.1

Purpose: To consider a Board resolution in support of the RDCO Corporate GHG Reduction Strategy submission for a UBCM Asset Management Planning grant.

Executive Summary:

The Regional District of Central Okanagan, a signatory of the BC Climate Action Charter, is committed to achieving carbon neutrality. Aligning with this objective, the Regional Board approved the following two initiatives at the Regional Board meeting held on August 23rd, 2021:

- The Corporate GHG Reduction Strategy; and
- A Region-Wide Step Code Implementation

To offset costs in the development of a Corporate GHG Reduction Strategy, an application is being made to UBCM for an Asset Management planning grant. The amount of the grant funding available for 2021 is \$15,000, which would be used to offset the estimated \$30,000 cost to developing the strategy.

As part of the application process, a resolution from the Regional Board in support of the grant request is required.

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT the Regional Board approves the RDCO Corporate GHG Reduction Strategy submission for the UBCM Asset Management Planning Grant as outlined in the report from the Director of Engineering, dated September 27, 2021.

Respectfully Submitted:

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David Komaïke
Director of Engineering Services

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Approved for Board's Consideration

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Brian Reardon, CAO

Attachment(s):

1. Corporate Sustainability Measures Update Report (August 23rd, 2021)
2. UBCM Grant Application

Implications of Recommendation:

Strategic Plan: Approval of these projects would ensure compliance with strategic priority "Environment" and "Sustainable Communities."

Financial: Consistent with the approved Budget Amendment for 2021-2022 at the Regional Board meeting held on August 23, 2021.

Background:

UBCM Asset Management Planning grants are provided to local governments to promote best asset management practices. Asset management is defined as:

“an integrated process bringing together planning, finance, engineering, and operations to effectively manage existing and new infrastructure to maximize benefits, reduce risks, and provide satisfactory service levels to community users socially, environmentally, and economically sustainable.”

Financial Considerations:

Developing a corporate GHG reduction strategy is estimated to cost \$30,000.

- **Currently Approved Funding-** Funded via the 2020 CARIP grant program, estimated at \$26,000 with the balance of funding (\$4000) to come from Engineering and the Westside Wastewater Treatment Plant operations Budget.
- **Revised Funding if Grant Approved** - If the UBCM funding is approved, 50% of the total project cost, (\$15,000) would be covered by the grant. The remaining project costs would continue to be funded through CARIP 2020 Grant (\$15,000).

Considerations not applicable to this report:

- *Policy*
- *Legal/Statutory Authority*
- *External Implications*
- *Alternate Recommendation*