



Regional Board Report

TO: Regional Board

FROM: Wayne Darlington
Manager - Parks Planning & Capital Projects

DATE: November 22, 2021

SUBJECT: 2022-2024 Joe Rich Community Hall Operating and Recreation Programming Agreement

Voting Entitlement: *All Directors – Unweighted Corporate Vote – Simple Majority – LGA 208*

Purpose: The purpose of this board report is to seek Regional Board approval to enter into a 3 year Operating and Recreation Programming Agreement with the Joe Rich Ratepayers and Tenants Society for the Joe Rich Community Hall.

Executive Summary:

The Regional District owns the Joe Rich Community Hall located in the Central Okanagan East Electoral Area. The Regional District currently contracts with the Joe Rich Ratepayers and Tenants Society to operate and maintain the community hall. The expiry date for the current agreement is the 31st Day of December 2021.

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT the Regional Board approve entering into a three (3) year Joe Rich Community Hall Operating and Recreation Programming Agreement with the Joe Rich Ratepayers and Tenants Society commencing on January 1st, 2022 and terminating on the 31st of December 2024.

Respectfully Submitted:

Wayne Darlington,
Manager – Park Planning & Capital Projects

Approved for Board's Consideration

Brian Reardon, CAO

Attachment(s):

- Joe Rich Community Hall Operation and Recreation Programming Agreement (2022-2024)

Implications of Recommendation:

Strategic Plan:	The recommendation is consistent with the Regional Boards Strategic Priorities: Priority #2 - Ensure Asset, Service and Financial Sustainability, and Priority #4 – Protect and Promote our Environment and Lifestyle.
General:	The Joe Rich Community Hall Operating and Recreation Programming Agreement with the Joe Rich Ratepayers and Tenants Society (JRRATS) maintains consistent operation and program delivery for the benefit of the Joe Rich Community.
Financial:	The 2022 – 2026 RDCO Five Year Financial Plan, Joe Rich Community Hall Service Program (123) has identified sufficient operational funding to support the proposed 2022-2024 Joe Rich Community Hall Operating and Recreation Programming Agreement.
Legal/Statutory Authority:	The Joe Rich Community Hall Service Program was established by the Regional District through the Joe Rich Community Hall Service Area Establishment Bylaw No. 1127, 2005.

Background:

In 1977, the Regional District acquired the building that houses the Joe Rich Community Hall and the Joe Rich Fire Department. Funding for the Community Hall was originally from the function of the Joe Rich Fire Department, which over the years paid for the utilities and some of the upgrades on the Community Hall. Until 2005 the Community Hall was funded through the Eastside Parks and Fire Department budgets.

The Eastside Parks budget is funded by both Joe Rich and Ellison residents and in 2005 it was decided that this was no longer an equitable method of funding the Community Hall since the Ellison area operates its own hall paid for solely by Ellison residents. In addition, increased usage and programming at the Joe Rich Community Hall, meant that a stable, secure source of funding was required.

In 2003 and 2004, the Regional District went to the electorate through the alternative approval process. In both instances the required amount of petitions were signed to send the bylaw to referendum. In 2003, the Regional Board decided not to go to referendum and the 2004 alternative approval process was not resolved by the Regional Board.

In 2005, a referendum was held and residents of Joe Rich voted to adopt Bylaw No. 1127 to establish a service area within Joe Rich to operate and maintain the Joe Rich Community Hall.

In 2006, the Regional District entered into an operating agreement with the Joe Rich Ratepayers and Tenants Society (Society) for a five (5) year term. The Society has been involved in the operation of the Community Hall since the 1990s.

The Society executive have continued to operate the Community Hall providing recreational, educational, social and cultural events and activities that improve lives through shared opportunities for personal and community health and enrichment.

The Regional District staff and the Society executive have worked together on a focus of delivery of recreation programs at the Joe Rich Community Hall that will help build “community”

in Joe Rich. The agreement includes operational metrics that will ensure that a wide range of recreation programs are delivered to children, youth, adults and families at the Joe Rich Community Hall.

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

- Three year term starting January 1st, 2022 and terminating on December 31st, 2024;
- Society schedules and programs all activities in the hall;
- Society is responsible only for the hall and operation of new electronic hall signage in accordance with the agreement;
- Society provides and pays for all the operations and maintenance of the hall including janitorial services;
- The Regional District is responsible for Major Maintenance and Capital improvements of the hall;
- Society will utilize accrued surplus funds from the 2019-2021 operating years to augment operating and recreation programming of the hall above annual funding amounts in accordance with the agreement;
- Society and Regional District have agreed that any surplus funding, including accrued surplus funds at the end of each operational year will be placed into the Joe Rich Community Hall reserve account in accordance with the agreement;
- Society must be accountable to the Regional District for all financial obligations and will provide monthly hall use reports and bi-annual financial statements;
- Society will operate the new Joe Rich Community Hall electronic signs located at the hall and at Goudie Road in accordance with the agreement.
- The maximum annual 2022 funding increased by 2% from the funding supplied in 2021 and will increase by 2% annually until December 31st 2024;
 - 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 Regional District pays the Society a facility programming fee. The facility programming fee was approved by the Regional Board as part of the RDCO Five Year Financial Plan Bylaw. For the period January 1, 2022 to December 31, 2024 the maximum annual funding provided by the Regional District shall be \$24,570.78 in 2022 (less any surplus identified in the Societies 2021 financial statement), \$25,062.19 in 2023 (less any surplus identified in the Societies 2022 financial statement) and, \$25,563.44 in 2024 (less any surplus identified in the Societies 2023 financial statement).

Considerations not applicable to this report:

- *Organizational Issues*
- *External Implications*
- *Alternative Recommendation*