



REQUEST FOR DECISION

Agenda Item Number: 10.3.1

Meeting Date: 5/9/2023

Author: Councillor Brophy

TO: Mayor and Council

FROM: Councillor Brophy

SUBJECT: Allocation from BC Government Growing Communities Fund Grant to the Peachland HUB project

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT Council allocate \$750,000 from the BC Government Growing Communities Fund Grant to the Peachland HUB project.

PURPOSE

To obtain Council's approval to allocate \$750,000 from the BC Government Growing Communities Fund Grant to the Peachland HUB Project.

REPORT

BACKGROUND

At the April 18, 2023 Regular Council Meeting, Councillor Brophy put forward a notice of motion as follows:

WHEREAS the District of Peachland Council is tasked with allocating \$2,766,000 of provincial funding from a BC Government Growing Communities Fund grant to eligible and worthy municipal projects;

AND WHEREAS the Peachland HUB project is for the construction of two District owned buildings, being the main HUB building and the Food Bank building;

AND WHEREAS the District's contribution to the HUB project is limited to the provision of land;

AND WHEREAS Peachland's community service non-profit groups are fundraising for the entire construction project, including lobbying MLA Dan Ashton to identify and secure provincial funding of between \$2.5 million and \$4 million;

AND WHEREAS to date the only specific potential provincial funding identified is a \$250,000 BC Gaming Capital Grant;

AND WHEREAS the HUB project has tight funding deadlines, requiring all other funding for the Food Bank be in place prior to applying for the BC Gaming Capital Grant in July

2023, and requiring all funding for the main HUB building be in place by June/July 2024 in order to start the project in time for completion prior to the Green and Inclusive Community Buildings fund deadline of March 31, 2026;

AND WHEREAS an immediate fundraising success will create much needed momentum for the fundraising campaign;

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the following motion will be brought forward at the May 9th, 2023 Regular Council Meeting:

THAT Council allocate \$750,000 from the BC Government Growing Communities Fund Grant to the Peachland HUB project.

The Motion is now coming back to Council for consideration.

APPROVED BY Joe Creron, CAO