



Making a difference...together

## REPORT TO ELECTORAL AREA SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING OF WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 2017

---

**SUBJECT**     **Age-friendly Communities Program Grant Application**

### **ISSUE**

Capital Regional District Board authorization is required to enable submission of a Stream 2 grant application to the UBCM Age-friendly Communities Grant Program for the Moving Around Pender Society to provide community bus service for North Pender Island seniors.

### **BACKGROUND**

The Age-friendly Communities Program is intended to assist local governments in BC to best support aging populations, develop and implement policies and plans, or develop projects that enable seniors to age in place and facilitate the creation and sustainability of age-friendly communities. Under the 2018 program, funding is available for two streams: (1) Age-friendly assessments, action plans and planning (up to \$25,000) and (2) Age-friendly projects (up to \$15,000).

The program specifies that eligible applicants are local governments (municipalities and regional districts) in British Columbia. Therefore, the Capital Regional District (CRD) may apply for the program. Only one application is permitted from each local government, and staff are not aware of other applications from CRD Services. A Board resolution is required to indicate support for the proposed activities and willingness to provide overall grant management.

The Moving Around Pender Society is requesting the CRD apply for a Stream 2 grant of \$15,000 to implement a community bus service geared to meet the critical transportation needs of the senior population of North Pender Island. In order to be eligible for Stream 2, applicants are required to have a completed age-friendly assessment or action plan, or demonstrate that their Official Community Plan, Integrated Sustainability Community Plan, or equivalent, is inclusive of age-friendly planning principles. The *Age Friendly North Pender Island Action Plan*, completed in 2015 under the guidance of the North Pender Island Local Trust Committee (Appendix A), would be included in the grant application to demonstrate eligibility.

The application deadline for the current grant call is November 10, 2017.

### **ALTERNATIVES**

#### **Alternative 1**

That the Electoral Area Services Committee recommend to the Capital Regional District Board:  
That the Capital Regional District Board authorize the submission of a grant application to the UBCM Age-friendly Communities Program for the North Pender Community Bus project and that the Board support this project throughout its duration.

Alternative 2

That the Electoral Area Services Committee recommend to the Capital Regional District Board:  
That the report be referred back to staff for further review.

**IMPLICATIONS**

**SOCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

The Pender Island Community Bus would provide increased bus service to reduce anxiety and social isolation of seniors. It may reduce the number of seniors contemplating moving off the island due to the lack of transportation alternatives.

**ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS**

Increased community bus service will reduce the greenhouse gas emissions associated with multiple private vehicles delivering seniors to local events and programs.

**CONCLUSION**

Grant applications are now being accepted for the 2018 Age-friendly Communities Program. The CRD is eligible to submit an application. Moving Around Pender has proposed an application to support community bus service on Pender Island geared to meet the critical needs of Pender's seniors. A Board resolution is required to indicate support for the proposed activities and willingness to provide overall grant management.

**RECOMMENDATION(S)**

That the Electoral Area Services Committee recommend to the Capital Regional District Board:  
That the Capital Regional District Board authorize the submission of a grant application to the UBCM Age-friendly Communities Program for the North Pender Community Bus project and that the Board support this project throughout its duration.

Submitted by:	June Klassen, MCIP, RPP, Manager, Service Delivery SGI
Concurrence:	Nelson Chan, MBA, CPA, CMA, Chief Financial Officer
Concurrence:	Robert Lapham, MCIP, RPP, Chief Administrative Officer

JK:ngm

Attachments: Appendix A Age Friendly North Pender Island Action Plan