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REPORT TO THE CAPITAL REGIONAL DISTRICT BOARD MEETING OF WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 12, 2018

SUBJECT Community Child Care Space Creation Program

ISSUE

Capital Regional District (CRD) Board authorization is required to enable submission of a grant application to the Community Child Care Space Creation Program.

BACKGROUND

The Community Child Care Space Creation Program announced on September 12, 2018 will provide funding to local governments for creation of new licensed child care spaces within their own facilities. Applications are due January 18, 2019 and must include a Board resolution worded according to the grant program's specifications.

In keeping with the CRD's External Grants Process, a grant alert about this program was distributed organization-wide. In response, one proposal came forward from Salt Spring Island (SSI) Administration; it is requesting \$214,600 for the creation of child care spaces at the Rainbow Road Aquatic Centre (see Appendix A).

At its November 19, 2018 meeting, the Salt Spring Island Parks and Recreation Commission passed the following motion:

That the Salt Spring Parks and Recreation Commission recommends that the Capital Regional District Board direct staff to submit an application for grant funding for the PARC Licensed Preschool Care Space through the Child Care Space Creation Program; and that the Board supports the project and commits to its share \$81,860 of the project and the minimum 10 years of operations.

IMPLICATIONS

The SSI Licensed Preschool Child Care Space Project aligns with both the grant program requirements and the SSI service plan for recreation programs. Project impact analysis considerations are presented in Appendix A.

CONCLUSION

The proposed SSI Licensed Preschool Child Care Space Project is a good fit for both the grant program and CRD-SSI objectives. SSI Administration's organizational capacity to meet the grant obligations of this project has been confirmed (Appendix A – Section 5).

RECOMMENDATION

That the Capital Regional District Board authorize submission of an application to the Community Child Care Space Creation Program for the Salt Spring Island Licensed Preschool Child Care Space Project and commit the Capital Regional District to providing overall grant management through the project's duration.

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Appendix A: Salt Spring Island Licensed Preschool Child Care Space Project