



**REPORT TO THE CAPITAL REGIONAL DISTRICT BOARD
MEETING OF WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 2019**

SUBJECT **BikeBC Cycling Infrastructure Program**

ISSUE

Capital Regional District (CRD) Board authorization is required to enable submission of a grant application to the BikeBC Cycling Infrastructure Program.

BACKGROUND

The BikeBC Cycling Infrastructure Program, announced on December 18, 2018, will provide funding to local governments to cover up to 50% of eligible costs (75% for communities of less than 15,000) for construction of cycling infrastructure. Applications are due February 18, 2019 and must be based on Board approval.

In keeping with the CRD's External Grants Process, a grant alert about this program was distributed organization-wide immediately upon grant call launch. In response, one proposal came forward for construction of the E&N Rail Trail – Humpback Connector: Phase 3 (the Project). A grant request of \$1,000,000 is proposed, as outlined in Appendix A.

IMPLICATIONS

The Project aligns with both the grant program requirements and CRD priorities and plans, as indicated in Appendix A – Section 2. Project impact considerations are also presented therein.

CONCLUSION

Alignment and impact analysis reveals that the Project is a good fit for the grant. Organizational capacity to meet grant obligations has been confirmed (Appendix A – Section 5).

RECOMMENDATION

That the Capital Regional District Board authorize submission of an application to the BikeBC Cycling Infrastructure Program for the E&N Rail Trail-Humpback Connector: Phase 3 Project.

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Attachment: Appendix A – Grant Proposal Review Form - E&N Rail Trail-Humpback Connector:
Phase 3