

### REPORT TO THE CAPITAL REGIONAL DISTRICT BOARD MEETING OF WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 2019

# **SUBJECT** BikeBC Cycling Infrastructure Program Grant Acceptance

## ISSUE

Capital Regional District (CRD) Board authorization is required to accept a BikeBC Cycling Infrastructure Program grant with a value of up to \$1-million.

## BACKGROUND

The BikeBC Cycling Infrastructure Program, announced on December 18, 2018, provides 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 were due February 18, 2019. The CRD Board instructed staff to submit an application at its February 13, 2019 Board meeting, supporting construction of the E&N Rail Trail – Humpback Connector: Phase 3 (the Project). A grant request of \$1,000,000 was proposed.

This grant request was successful. As it is a grant greater than \$500,000, it requires CRD Board consent for acceptance.

#### **IMPLICATIONS**

As stated in February 2019, the Project aligns with the grant program requirements and CRD priorities and plans for the E&N Rail trail. The grant will offset the CRD costs of the Phase 3 project in the amount of \$1-million.

### CONCLUSION

CRD Board approval is required to accept the conditional grant funding.

### RECOMMENDATION

That the Capital Regional District Board authorize the Chief Administrative Officer to accept the BikeBC Cycling Infrastructure Grant on behalf of the Capital Regional District and execute all documents required to secure the funding.

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Attachment: Appendix A – BikeBC Grant Agreement