

**REPORT TO THE GOVERNANCE AND FINANCE COMMITTEE
MEETING OF WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 07, 2020**

SUBJECT **Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program (ICIP); Green Infrastructure – Climate Change Mitigation – CleanBC Communities Fund Stream**

ISSUE SUMMARY

A Capital Regional District (CRD) Board resolution is required for grant applications to the Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program (ICIP); CleanBC Communities Fund (CCF) stream.

BACKGROUND

On August 12, 2020, BC and Canada announced the second intake of the CCF Stream to support infrastructure projects across the province. For this intake, the program has \$47M available in funding for eligible projects. The first intake was in 2019 and was oversubscribed with \$63M allocated to projects under the CCF stream.

Regional districts are an eligible recipient under the grant program and permitted to submit one application for each community. For ICIP, a community refers to a settlement area within a regional district or an established/proposed service area.

Applications for CCF are due November 12, 2020, and must include a Board resolution. Below is a summary of proposals received from services.

PROGRAM	LOCATION	PROJECT	REQUEST (\$)	CRD COST-SHARE	TOTAL PROJECT COST	APPENDIX
CCF	Sub-Regional	Panorama Recreation Energy Recovery Project	\$2,071,573 (73.33%)	\$753,427 (26.67%)	\$2,825,000	A

The Panorama Recreation Energy Recovery Project was previously considered under ICIP's – Community, Culture, and Recreation stream; however, after review, staff determined it was better aligned with CCF's program outcomes.

ALTERNATIVES

Alternative 1

The Governance and Finance Committee recommends to the Capital Regional District Board: That the Capital Regional District Board (the Board) authorize staff to submit an application for grant funding for the Sub-Regional Panorama Recreation Energy Recovery Project through the Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program – CleanBC Communities Fund Program; and that the Board supports the project and commits to its share (\$753,427) of the project.

Alternative 2

The Governance and Finance Committee recommends to the Capital Regional District Board: That this report be referred back to staff for additional information.

IMPLICATIONS

Financial Implications

This project has funds committed from Panorama's Capital Reserve Fund to provide the CRD's cost-share to the project. The project can expect to see natural gas savings of \$80,000 annually.

Environmental & Climate Implications

This initiative is designed to reduce GHG emissions. The project focuses on utilizing waste heat to its maximum potential prior to consuming additional energy. Once completed, Panorama will see a reduction of over 363 tonnes of CO₂e emissions annually. This represents over 80% of Panorama's emissions and over 15% of CRD CO₂e emissions.

The CRD's current Corporate Climate Action Strategy targets a 33% reduction in corporate-wide greenhouse gas emissions by 2020, based on 2007 levels. In light of the recent climate emergency, reducing corporate greenhouse gas emissions remains a top priority. Panorama, as part of the CRD, has made a commitment to reduce GHG emissions to 33% below 2007 emissions. As part of the Board's climate emergency declaration, climate action and environmental stewardship were embedded in the 2019–2022 Board Priorities, committing the CRD to take a leadership role in pursuing regional carbon neutrality by 2030.

CONCLUSION

The Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program provides funding to infrastructure projects across BC. Previous intakes to the program for all streams have been oversubscribed. The CRD is committed to reducing greenhouse gas emissions. If supported by the Board, the CRD will submit an application to the CCF program for the Panorama Recreation Energy Recovery Project.

RECOMMENDATION

The Governance and Finance Committee recommends to the Capital Regional District Board: That the Capital Regional District Board (the Board) authorize staff to submit an application for grant funding for the Sub-Regional Panorama Recreation Energy Recovery Project through the Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program – CleanBC Communities Fund Program; and that the Board supports the project and commits to its share (\$753,427) of the project.

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ATTACHMENT(S)

Appendix A: Panorama Recreation Energy Recovery Project