

**REPORT TO ELECTORAL AREAS COMMITTEE  
MEETING OF WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 14, 2020**

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**SUBJECT**      **Union of British Columbia Municipalities Grant for Active Transportation - Motion of Support**

**ISSUE SUMMARY**

To seek support to submit an Active Transportation grant application for community route mapping in the Southern Gulf Islands.

**BACKGROUND**

The Capital Regional District board has identified Transportation as a priority for the region, and states in the 2019-22 CRD Corporate Plan that it will: “Work with government/community partners to plan for & deliver an effective, long-term multi-modal transportation system & to increase use of public transit, walking & cycling (Priority 2(a)). Further, the CRD’s Regional Climate Action Strategy (RCAS) has identified on-road transportation as the region’s most significant source of greenhouse gas emissions, and notes that the CRD needs to focus on mitigating impacts of transportation by “moving towards lower carbon emissions options such as walking, cycling, transit and electric vehicles”(RCAS, 2017).

In response to this, and to requests from the SGI Community Economic Sustainability Commission, the CRD is undertaking a review to consider establishing a new Transportation Service for the SGI Electoral Area. A Request for Proposals will be issued this fall to obtain a detailed Business Case Modelling Report for the development of an integrated, multi-modal transportation service or services for the Southern Gulf Islands Electoral Area (SGIEA). The report will provide service model options that includes the steps necessary to develop a land-based public transit system, water-based inter-island passenger service, and a phased approach to achieving a universally designed, active transportation network.

This staff report seeks approval for the CRD to make an application to the UBCM Active Transportation Planning grant. The grant funds would be used to undertake a community mapping exercise that engages residents and stakeholder groups of the Pender, Mayne, Galiano and Saturna communities in identifying active transportation route needs, objectives, and preferences. This participatory process will directly inform the multi-modal trail system proposal of the broader SGIEA transportation project.

The SGI Active Transportation Planning project aligns with the UBCM Active Transportation Planning grant criteria to: 1) engage with the public and/or stakeholders 2) enhance the active transportation components of upcoming SGI Transportation Service Planning 3) identify active transportation policy considerations, objectives and actions for inclusion in our transportation planning 4) create maps of current and desired active transportation trails and networks 5) consider how active transportation networks can improve accessibility to community spaces and 6) consider how active transportation can reduce greenhouse gas emissions in our region. The total funds requested through the grant application are \$10,000. As part of the application process, UBCM requires a motion of support from the local government to receive and manage grant funding.

## **ALTERNATIVES**

### *Alternative 1*

The Electoral Areas Committee recommends to the Capital Regional District Board: That the Board support an application to the *Union of British Columbia Municipalities Active Transportation Planning Program* for the Southern Gulf Islands Electoral Area to conduct community mapping of active transportation routes and direct staff to provide overall grant management.

### *Alternative 2*

That staff be directed to report back with additional information.

## **IMPLICATIONS**

This grant would provide supplemental funding to the SGIEA Transportation study, which has a \$60 000 budget through Community Works Funds. The project is in alignment with the Board priority for community wellbeing – transportation and housing initiative to work with government/community partners to plan for and deliver an effective, long-term regional multi-modal transportation system and to increase use of public transit, walking and cycling.

## **CONCLUSION**

The CRD is committed to investigating the establishment of a Transportation Service for the SGIEA. The UBCM's Active Transportation Planning Grant contributes the multi-modal trail component to ongoing Transportation Service planning work. Staff recommend conducting community mapping exercises through the program funding. The exercises will be designed to engage residents and stakeholders of Pender, Mayne, Galiano and Saturna in a participatory process to confirm active transportation routing that is integrated with existing and proposed recreational trail systems. If supported by the Board, UBCM will consider the CRD's grant application.

## **RECOMMENDATION**

The Electoral Areas Committee recommends to the Capital Regional District Board: That the Board support an application to the *Union of British Columbia Municipalities Active Transportation Planning Program* for the Southern Gulf Islands Electoral Area to conduct community mapping of active transportation routes and direct staff to provide overall grant management.

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## **ATTACHMENT(S)**

Appendix A: CRD Internal Grant Proposal Form