



AGENDA
SPECIAL MEETING
OCTOBER 8, 2020

CALL TO ORDER:

INTRODUCTION OF LATE ITEMS:

- Resolution required to add late items, if any

ADOPTION OF AGENDA:

- Resolution to adopt the Agenda for the October 8, 2020, Special Meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

UBCM 2021 CRI FireSmart Community
Funding & Supports Grant Application

- Resolution required to authorize grant application

**COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
DISCUSSION:**

- Resolution required to dissolve into Committee of the Whole

CERIP Grant Funding

- Discussion of possible projects

UBCM Meeting Summary

- Review of meetings with provincial staff

RISE AND REPORT:

- Resolution required to reconvene in Open Meeting

ADJOURNMENT:

- Resolution to adjourn the meeting at ___ p.m.

REQUEST FOR COUNCIL DECISION

SUBMITTED BY: Catherine Allaway, CAO

DATE: October 7, 2020

SUBJECT: 2021 UBCM CRI FireSmart Community Funding & Supports program

PURPOSE: To seek Council authorization for the submission of a grant application

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Village of New Denver partner with the Village of Silverton and the Village of Slocan in an application to the UBCM CRI FireSmart Community Funding & Supports program for funding up to \$450,000; and further, that the Village of Silverton be designated as the lead proponent in this application.

ALTERNATIVES & IMPLICATIONS:

1. **Support the application to the UBCM 2020 CRI program as presented.** *The application will be submitted by the October 9th deadline.*
2. **Do not support the application to the UBCM 2020 CRI program as presented.** *No application will be submitted.*

ANALYSIS:

- A. Background:** UBCM, through their Community Resiliency Investment (CRI) Program, is currently accepting applications for the FireSmart Community Funding & Supports program. This program will provide 100% funding to local governments to assist them in undertaking community-based FireSmart planning and activities that reduce the community's risk from wildfire.
- B. Discussion:** The proposed project will see the continuation of free assessments for residential properties within the municipal boundaries, as well as public education around FireSmart principles. Wildfire mitigation activities on municipal property will also be included.

The proposed application will be a continuation of the existing partnership between the Villages of New Denver, Silverton and Slocan, with the role of lead applicant assumed by the Village of Silverton. The required application forms will be prepared by representatives from Slocan Integral Forestry Cooperative (SIFCo).

- C. Legislative Framework:** Nil
- D. Attachments:** Nil
- E. Council Strategic Priority:** Nil
- F. Communication Strategy:** Nil

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS: As the program provides 100% funding, the financial impact on the Village budget is minimal

Circular No. 20:18
October 1, 2020

To: First Nation and Indigenous Governments and Organizations
All Local Government Chief Administrative Officers
(cc: Chief Financial Officer and Clerks and Corporate Officers)
First Peoples Cultural Council
Heritage Leaders
Tourism Organizations
Not for Profit Organizations

Re: Community Economic Recovery Infrastructure Program (CERIP)

As announced on September 17, 2020 the Province of British Columbia has allocated up to \$90 million to support community economic resilience, tourism, heritage, and urban and rural economic development projects.

CERIP funded projects will help communities impacted by COVID-19 and support B.C.'s post-pandemic economic recovery through investment in **four key application-based streams**:

Community Economic Resilience supports initiatives through investment in short term, small scale public infrastructure meeting the economic recovery objectives of initial job creation in the community and ancillary job creation in other areas hard hit with COVID -19 such as local retail and services.

Destination Development invests in the development, conservation, repair, or rehabilitation of new or existing tourism infrastructure and amenities to assist in the re-emergence and resiliency of the tourism sector, creating jobs that will provide long term benefits for the tourism sector and local communities.

Unique Heritage Infrastructure supports projects focused on the conservation, repair, rehabilitation and development of cultural heritage infrastructure to help communities safeguard and enjoy their heritage places while creating employment through the stewardship of cultural heritage.

Rural Economic Recovery improves the prosperity and quality of life in rural communities through projects that create jobs, develop economic infrastructure, support a vibrant local business sector, and accelerate economic recovery.

The CERIP provides an opportunity for Indigenous applicants, local governments, tourism organizations, heritage leaders and not-for-profit organizations to apply for infrastructure funding that supports projects and initiatives for public use and that benefit and create jobs, support economic development and recovery from the impacts of COVID-19. We encourage indigenous and local government applicants to consider partnering with and ask that you reach out to not-for-profit applicants in your communities wherever possible for their consideration and applicability to CERIP. CERIP is designed to support projects that are construction ready in 2021 and can be completed by March 31, 2023. Every grant application is assessed in the context of the program eligibility guidelines.

The final approval of projects and funds will not occur until a new cabinet is sworn in.

The online Local Government Information System (LGIS) portal will be open for applications on October 1, 2020 and will close application intake on October 29, 2020 at 11:59 p.m. All applications must be submitted through LGIS with the exception of Indigenous applicants applying through the Unique Heritage Infrastructure Stream who will be directed to apply via the First Peoples Cultural Council's web portal.

In order to access LGIS, the online application, applicants require a business BCeID. All applicants' business BCeIDs must be linked to the LGIS online application by ministry program staff. It is recommended that new BCeIDs are obtained as soon as possible to allow enough time to link the BCeID to the online application system. Program information such as application instructions and links to resource documents are available at www.gov.bc.ca/CERIP.

The ministries and their delivery partner contacts are available to provide advice as you prepare your application. For information on the four streams, please see specific contacts in the table below:

CERIP Stream	Ministry	Contact
Rural Economic Recovery	Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development	Rural Policy and Programs Branch Email: ruraldevelopment@gov.bc.ca Phone: 250 356-7950
Destination Development	Tourism, Arts and Culture	Tourism Sector Strategy Division Dawn Rueckl Email: tourismpolicy@gov.bc.ca Phone: (778) 698-1802
Unique Heritage Infrastructure	Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development	Indigenous applicants: First Peoples' Cultural Council Karen Aird (karen@fpcc.ca) All other applicants by region: Nechako, Vancouver Island, North Coast Laura Saretsky (lsaretsky@heritagebc.ca) Kootenay, Cariboo, Northeast Jennifer Dunkerson (jdunkerson@heritagebc.ca)

		Mainland/Southwest, Thompson/Okanagan Paul Gravett (pgravett@heritagebc.ca)
Community Economic Resilience	Municipal Affairs and Housing	Local Government Infrastructure & Finance Email: infra@gov.bc.ca Phone: 250 387-4060



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Ministry	Division	Topic	Local Issue	What is our ask	Outcomes
Ministry of Social Development and Poverty Reduction	Service Delivery Division	Poverty Reduction	Poverty Reduction Plan	We would like to thank the Minister for the Poverty Reduction Planning Grant that was awarded to New Denver and speak to the need for and importance of poverty reduction efforts in our community.	Village did not receive advance notice of meeting. Meeting to be rescheduled for later this fall. Project currently underway, in partnership with Selkirk College/Mitacs.
Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing	Governance Structures/Governance Services/Governance Relations	Boundary extensions	Denver Siding	We are seeking provincial support for our proposed Boundary Extension, to take in lands in Denver Siding, so that we can provide safe drinking water for those residents	Proposal was thorough & well done. Will proceed with referral to MoTI. AAP does not need to wait for completion of consultation with First Nations. Do not expect December cabinet approval. BCAA will need to create tax roll – spring 2021 approval from cabinet could result in 2021 taxation for New Denver.
Ministry of Citizens' Services	Information, Communication & Technologies	Connectivity	Last Mile Broadband	We are working with CBT/CBBC to install fibre optic backbone, but need help securing last mile high-speed service for our residents	Provincial and federal funding is available but need application from ISP. Need regional strategy in order to move forward. CBBC might be able to provide “middle mile” infrastructure. More funding announcements are expected.
Ministry of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development	Integrated Resource Operations	Heritage	NIMC	We are seeking funding to support the continued operation of the NIMC as this heritage asset is an important tourism attraction and cultural amenity for our community.	Funding announcements for COVID recovery initiatives are expected. They can connect us with experts if needed. Also consider HLF applications, NHS cost-sharing program. Business planning (interpretation) eligible for Rural Dividend & DMO funding.
Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure	Highway Operations	Highway maintenance & safety improvement projects	Area roads, bridge	We are concerned about damage to the Hwy 6 bridge over Carpenter Creek that was sustained during the 2020 spring freshet event. We would also like to discuss improvements to the intersection of Hwy 6 & Hwy 31A to create better visibility and enhance pedestrian safety.	Some trees at intersection removed, some more possibly on private property? Aware of bridge damage, have applied for approval for in-stream work, willing to discuss collaboration. Will set up meeting with new Area Manager. Requested info on historical MoTI bridge repair costs.
Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing	Infrastructure & Engineering	Infrastructure planning grants & programs		We would like to speak to the importance of the Provincial Infrastructure Planning Grant program to small municipalities	Unsuccessful applications automatically reconsidered for next program intake. Decisions expected September/October. Also recommend UBCM AM program, stacking allowed.
Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing	Housing & Policy Branch	Housing	Affordable Housing	We would like to see additional affordable housing units developed in New Denver and are working towards this goal. We want to ensure we are accessing all relevant provincial supports for this work.	CHF application can be submitted by NDAHS, mention partnership – figure out roles if funding approved. Consultant contract included in CHF package. Lease can be conditional on funding, 60 years typical. BCH quite proscriptive about lease documents, requires option to purchase. Suggested muni contacts with similar experiences.

<p>Ministry of Public Safety and Solicitor General</p>	<p>Emergency Management BC</p>	<p>Emergency Services</p>		<p>We would like to discuss ways that the Village of New Denver can assist with the delivery of emergency services locally, and how our response efforts can align with the work of the Regional District of Central Kootenay, EMBC, BCAS and BCWS responders.</p>	<p>FCABC – road rescue being reviewed, report coming. We want to see policy address cost recovery for incidents other than MVI. If VoND responding outside coverage area, get N# first to ensure reimbursement. Asked for assistance ensuring all dispatchers are aware of the variety of response arrangements. Check WorkSafeBC rules for transport of workers over water. Follow 2020 Interagency agreement, on OFC website.</p>
<p>Ministry of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development</p>	<p>Integrated Resource Operations</p>	<p>Rec Sites & Trails</p>	<p>Idaho Peak & Bannock Point</p>	<p>We would like to see the Idaho Peak Forest Service Road repaired and reopened - it is a major tourist attraction for our area. We would also like to know what the plans are for the Bannock Point Rec Site as the high number of visitors has led to increased safety concerns and demand on emergency services personnel.</p>	<p>Province is committed to fixing Idaho Peak Rd, seeking external funding for 2021, estimate \$1M. Province wants formal management agreement for Bannock. Open to collaboration, Village garbage collection, proponent driven development/expansion.</p>
<p>Ministry of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development</p>	<p>Resource Stewardship</p>	<p>Water Stewardship</p>	<p>Marina</p>	<p>We are seeking guidance regarding how to approach routine maintenance of the marina (including dredging of the entrance channel). The marina is leased from the Crown by the Village, with operations managed by a local non-profit society for members-only use.</p>	<p>Need to have approvals in place for dredging. Dock work requires notification only. Next application request approval for 10 years. Lease renewal can be pushed sooner to align. Province supports installation of mitigation measures, funding may be available for studies.</p>