



REGIONAL DISTRICT of Fraser-Fort George

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REPORT FOR CONSIDERATION

TO: Chair and Directors

FROM: Cindy Paton, Manager of Community Services

DATE: March 4, 2025

SUBJECT: Community Grants-In-Aid: Northwest Invasive Plant Council

SUMMARY: Purpose: Consider Grant Approvals

File No.: COM 8.1 – COM 8.7

Attachments:

1. Grant Application Form
2. Community Grants-In-Aid Policy RD-16-20

Previous Reports:

1. None

RECOMMENDATION(S):

1. THAT the report dated March 4, 2025 regarding “Community Grants-In-Aid: Northwest Invasive Plant Council” be received for information.
2. THAT the Board consider the application received from the Northwest Invasive Plant Council for a Community Grant-In-Aid valued at \$25,000, as attached to the report dated March 4, 2025.

ENTITLEMENT	HOW VOTE COUNTED
All 1 Director/1 vote	Majority
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ISSUE(S):

The Northwest Invasive Plant Council (NWIPC) has submitted a grant application to the seven electoral area community grants-in-aid funds requesting a total of \$25,000 to support invasive plant management within the Regional District. The Board is being asked to consider this grant request. If approved, Administration is further recommending that the requirement of Policy RD-16-20, Section 8 (b) – “Award”, be waived, for the issuance of the Community Grant-In-Aid to Northwest Invasive Plant Council, which would permit funding to be provided without the requirement of submitting a receipt summary and invoices.

RELEVANT POLICIES:

Community Grants-In-Aid Policy RD-16-20:

- provides a framework for consideration of Community Grants-In-Aid funding applications for the purpose of benefiting the community within the Electoral Areas of the Regional District.

STRATEGIC PRIORITIES ALIGNMENT:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Indigenous and Intergovernmental Partnerships | <input type="checkbox"/> Organizational Strength and Adaptability | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Quality Community Services | <input type="checkbox"/> Environmental Stewardship and Climate Action |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Awareness and Engagement | <input type="checkbox"/> Statutory or Routine Business | | |

SERVICE RELEVANCE:

The Regional District's current Community Grants-In-Aid program derives its authority from the *Local Government Act*. The purpose of these functions is to provide financial assistance to community groups or organizations which, in the opinion of the Regional District, provide a benefit to the community.

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATION(S):

The 2025 budget for Community Grants-In-Aid, Electoral Areas A, C, D, E, F G and H would have sufficient funds to support these expenditures.

OTHER CONSIDERATION(S):

The Regional District has previously provided Community Grants-In-Aid to the NWIPC as listed:

2009 - \$15,500	2016 - \$25,000	2019 - \$25,000	2022 - \$25,000
2012 - \$26,000	2017 - \$25,200	2020 - \$25,000	2023 - \$25,000
2015 - \$25,000	2018 - \$25,000	2021 - \$25,000	2024 - \$25,000

Note: No grant requests were received in 2010, 2011, 2013 or 2014.

DECISION OPTIONS:

1. Approve recommendations.

- approve grant as submitted and fund evenly from all seven Community Grants-In-Aid budgets (\$3,571.43 each). The following motions would be in order:
 - i. *THAT the Board approves a community grant-in-aid of \$25,000 to be provided to the Northwest Invasive Plant Council, in support of the initiatives presented in their grant application attached to the report dated March 4, 2025, and that the total grant amount be funded equally between the seven electoral areas (\$3,571.43 each).*
 - ii. *THAT Policy RD-16-20 "Community Grants-In-Aid", Section 8 (b) – "Award", be waived for the issuance of the Community Grants-In-Aid for the Northwest Invasive Plant Council for Electoral Areas A, C, D, E, F G and H.*

Other Options:

- a. do not approve grant request:
 - organization does not receive funding
- b. consider alternate amount of funding
- c. do not waive the requirements of Policy RD-16-20
 - organization must provide receipts in order to receive grant funds

COMMENTS:

This grant request meets the requirements of Community Grants-In-Aid Policy RD-16-20. If the Board is supportive of providing Community Grants-In-Aid funds a motion would be in order to approve the grant request from the NWIPC and funding source. Subject to the Board's support, Administration recommends that the requirement of Policy RD-16-20, Section 8 (b) – "Award", be waived which would permit funding to be expedited.

Respectfully submitted,

"Cindy Paton"

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