



# REGIONAL DISTRICT of Fraser-Fort George

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## REPORT FOR CONSIDERATION

TO: Chair and Directors

FROM: Kenna Jonkman, MCIP, RPP, General Manager of Development Services

DATE: August 4, 2023

SUBJECT: Disaster Risk Reduction – Climate Adaptation Grant

SUMMARY: Purpose: For Information

File No.: N/A

Attachments: None

Previous Reports: Item No. 6.1, January 2023

### RECOMMENDATION(S):

THAT the report be received.

ENTITLEMENT	HOW VOTE COUNTED
All 1 Director/1 vote	Majority

### ISSUE(S):

At the January 2023 meeting the Board authorized Administration to submit a regional project application the Union of British Columbia Municipalities (UBCM) Disaster Risk Reduction – Climate Adaptation 2022/2023 Grant Program on behalf of all participating governments for a grant up to \$1,050,000.00.

The Regional District of Fraser-Fort George has been awarded \$1,049,875.00 to complete this project. Funding is provided by the Province of British Columbia and is administered by Union of BC Municipalities (UBCM).

### RELEVANT POLICIES:

1. Official Community Plans
  - Environmental objectives within each Official Community Plan. General objective is to implement policies that are directed at minimizing public exposure to potential damage to property, threats to human life and negative impacts to the natural environment in area subject to hazardous conditions.
2. Community Charter
  - Establishes the ability for building inspectors to require an owner of land to provide a report certified by a qualified professional that the land may be used safely for the use intended if land is likely to be subject to flooding (and other natural hazards)
3. Emergency Management Act
  - Requires local governments to maintain an emergency management plan and that planning efforts include hazard vulnerability assessments that support the ability of a local government to respond to an emergency event

### STRATEGIC ALIGNMENT:

- ☒ Climate Action      ☐ Economic Health      ☒ Indigenous Relations      ☒ Strong Communities
- ☐ None – Statutory or Routine Business

**SERVICE RELEVANCE:**

Regional District Land Use Services is a region wide service and fulfils the obligations of land use planning under Part 14 of the *Local Government Act*.

Regional District Inspection Services is a region wide service and fulfils the obligation of specific powers under Part 9 Division 1 – Building Regulations of the Local Government Act and the Building Act. Building Inspection service has been in effect since 1969 and Building Bylaw 3239, 2021 applies to all Electoral Areas.

Regional District Emergency Preparedness Service provides the operational capability of the Emergency Management Program which has been established to fulfill the requirements of the Regional District under the *Emergency Program Act*.

**FINANCIAL CONSIDERATION(S):**

The funding stream can contribute 100% of the cost of eligible activities up to a maximum of \$150,000 per participant.

At their January meeting the Board authorized the execution of a service agreement with Fraser Basin Council for the deliverables of the project.

**OTHER CONSIDERATION(S):**

The partner governments involved with this project are:

Lheidli T'enneh First Nation  
McLeod Lake Indian Band  
City of Prince George  
District of Mackenzie  
Village of McBride  
Village of Valemount  
Regional District of Fraser-Fort George

**DECISION OPTIONS:**

1. Approve recommendations.
  - The report will be received

**COMMENTS:**

The intent of the Disaster Risk Reduction-Climate Adaptation funding stream is to support eligible applicants to reduce risks from future disasters due to natural hazards and climate-related risks through the development and implementation of:

- Accurate foundational knowledge of the natural hazards they face and the risks associated with BC's changing climate
- Effective strategies to prepare for, mitigate, and adapt to those risks.

The Regional District has been awarded funding and is able to move this project forward on behalf of all partner governments. This is a collaborative multi-government project that will provide a regional foundational knowledge of risks. Grant criteria requires the project to be completed by July, 2025.

Administration looks forward to working with all partner governments and consultants on this project.

Respectfully submitted,

*"Kenna Jonkman"*

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