



CENTRAL COAST REGIONAL DISTRICT

April 4, 2013

TO: Board of Directors
FROM: Donna Mikkelson, Acting CAO
SUBJECT: COMMUNITY WORKS FUND (NEW) POLICY

RECOMMENDATION:

Background

At the November 15, 2012 meeting of the board, the following is an excerpt from the minutes:

(a) Policy Development for Community Works Fund Allocation

The purpose of the staff report to the board was to seek input regarding the future plans for the remaining funds from the Community Works Fund, giving due consideration to the obligations of the regional district under the Canada-British Columbia-Union of BC Municipalities Agreement on the Transfer of Federal Gas Tax Revenues. It is deemed prudent to develop a plan for the proposed use of the remaining funds.

12-11-42 *M/S Directors Lande/McCullagh that staff determine the costs of undertaking Integrated Community Sustainability Planning and Capital Investment Planning, in order to satisfy the obligations of Community Works Funds as provided by the Gas Tax Agreement.*

CARRIED

Although options for allocating the funds were presented for the board's consideration, the report itself did not generate any discussion.

At the February 2013 board meeting the following is excerpted from the minutes:

(a) Community Works Fund Project Request – Discovery Coast Music Festival

13-02-42 *M/S Directors McCullagh/Tallio and further, that staff bring forward the proposed policy on allocating funding from the Community Works Fund at the earliest opportunity in order to provide a measured approach for the best use of the funds available.*

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POLICY F-16 COMMUNITY WORKS FUND ALLOCATIONS

- Preamble:** Community Works Funds are made available to eligible local governments, including the Central Coast Regional District, by the Government of Canada pursuant to the Agreement on the Transfer of Federal Gas Tax Revenues (Gas Tax Agreement) between the Union of BC Municipalities and the governments of Canada and British Columbia. Funding under the program is intended to be directed to local priorities that fall within one of the eligible project categories and that are in keeping with the Agreement's intended outcomes of reduced greenhouse gas emissions, cleaner air and cleaner water.
- Purpose:** The purpose of this policy is to provide a measured approach for the best use of the funds available, paying particular attention to the strategic priorities of the Central Coast Regional District as determined by the board of directors.
- Policy:** It is the policy of the Central Coast Regional District that money from the Community Works Fund shall be expended or allocated as follows:
1. First, by satisfying the requirements of the Gas Tax Agreement by fulfilling the regional district's commitment to Capacity Building, Integrated Sustainability Planning and Capital Investment Planning.
 2. Second, by providing funding for eligible projects according to the regional district's strategic priorities as determined by the board of directors. Where a conflict is found to exist, the funds shall first be allocated to functions and services already established by the regional district, and then to those functions and services under consideration for establishment.

Respectfully Submitted,



Donna Mikkelson, CFO/Acting CAO