



CENTRAL COAST REGIONAL DISTRICT

DATE: July 19, 2017
TO: Chair Alison Sayers and Board of Directors
FROM: Courtney Kirk, CAO
SUBJECT: Governance Study Update

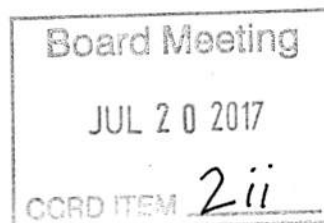
RECOMMENDATION:

That the Board resolves to approve a potential expenditure of the remainder of the Service Delivery and Governance Study (approximately \$10,000) on a community engagement process to identify key priorities arising from issues identified in the Study.

On July 18, 2017 the CAO met briefly with a public servant from the Ministry of Community, Sport and Cultural Development by teleconference to discuss next steps to move toward a 'Phase 2' of the Service Delivery and Governance Study. Phase 2 would involve formulating key recommendations to address issues raised in Phase 1 (the Study).

The Ministry servant advised the CAO to expend the remainder of the unspent Service Delivery and Governance Study budget on identifying constituents' key priorities arising out of issues identified in the Study. The CAO was further advised that a report of duly identified constituent priorities would form a useful framework to seek further provincial funding to finance a Phase 2 'recommendations' report arising from the Phase 1 Study and from the community priorities engagement process.

The CAO and CFO attempted to secure a confirmation from the Ministry prior to the July 20th meeting of the Board that the remainder of the Phase 1 funds could be expended in spite of the closing date going back to May 2017 (the funds have already been received dating back to 2016). Unfortunately, the Ministry public servant we were working with reported that due to internal challenges in the formation of the new government that is currently taking place, Finance staff was unable to address the inquiry prior to the Board meeting. In anticipation that the Ministry allow us to spend the unused portion (as opposed to having to return the funds), the CAO is seeking Board approval for Administration to expend the remainder of the Phase 1 budget on developing a 'priorities identification' report.



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