



CENTRAL COAST REGIONAL DISTRICT

DATE: November 9, 2016

TO: Darla Blake, CAO
CC: Chair Alison Sayers and Directors

FROM: Community Economic Development Officer, Tanis Shedden

SUBJECT: **NDIT GRANT APPLICATIONS**

RECOMMENDATION

THAT the Central Coast Regional District support Nuxalk Nation in their application to the Northern Development Initiative Trust Economic Diversification Infrastructure program for a grant of \$250,000 for the Nuxalk Pathway to Cultural Tourism project.

THAT the Central Coast Regional District support Nuxalk Nation in their application to the Northern Development Initiative Trust Capital Investment Analysis program for a grant of \$10,000 for the Nuxalk Cultural Centre Museum Feasibility Business Case Study.

THAT the Central Coast Regional District submit an application to the Northern Development Initiative Trust Capacity Building program for a grant of \$50,000 to support the Community Economic Development Planner position.

THAT the Central Coast Regional District submit an application to the Northern Development Initiative Trust Economic Diversification Infrastructure program for a grant up to \$150,000 to support improvements to the Bella Coola Airport.

BACKGROUND

Northern Development Initiative Trust's application process requires all applicants submit the complete application to a municipality or regional district with the request for a resolution to support.

Furthermore NDIT's application process states the following:

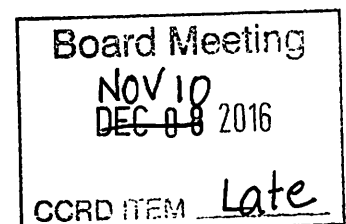
"The municipality or regional district determines whether it will provide a resolution of support for the funding request from the appropriate account. The resolution of support must clearly state the amount of the funds requested, whether the request is for a grant, loan, or combination grant/loan, and the appropriate regional development account from which the funds will be provided."

The following project summary describes the project being proposed by Nuxalk Nation.

Respectfully Submitted

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Tanis Shedden
Community Economic Development Officer



Project Description as presented in Nuxalk Nation's grant application to NDI's Economic Diversification Infrastructure program.

"The Nuxalk Pathway to Cultural Tourism has been in development for three years, beginning with the Nuxalk Council intention to build an Aboriginal Tourism Strategy for the Nation. Aboriginal Tourism and the intention to build a Big House is referenced in the CCP (2009). In 2014 Nuxalk Nation purchased the Bella Coola Motel lands. Under Nuxalk ownership and with First Nations management & staff, this little motel has proactively leveraged its good will, forged new and solid relationships, and upgraded its premises, thus setting the stage for a larger vision. It is key to the development of the proposed Nuxalk Pathway to Cultural Tourism. The Nation has already invested substantial commitment, energy and funds in the project with the blessing of Hereditary Chiefs.

Moving forward in a shared vision we will build a Cultural Path (separate project) leading from the indigenous-inspired Restaurant/Gift House and Long House Cabins along the Bella Coola River, by the commemorative Oolichan Pole, historic Song House/Carving Shed, Community Hall, to the very heart of the Nuxalk - The Big House. Here, along this path, we will welcome our families, friends, guests, neighbours and visitors. The Path will continue east across the bridge and a Cultural Trail built to the Nuxalk subdivision of 4 Mile.

The Nuxalk Pathway to Cultural Tourism project will forge important connections to nearby communities, local & regional accommodations, artisan galleries & gift shops, tour operators, the Visitor Info Centre co-located with the Copper Moon Gallery in partnership with the Nuxalk Development Corporation, and the Bella Coola Valley Tourism Association. It will create employment, offer reasonable security in a changing economic environment, capitalize on the Great Bear Rain-Forest as a world-class tourist draw, and build a solid foundation for mutual long-term economic prosperity. It is our future.

On the land where the Big House will sit, we intend to build a Nuxalk Multi-Plex, to house a Museum/Gallery, a Cultural Centre and a College/Trades Centre. This application is for the construction of the Big House."

Project Description as presented in Nuxalk Nation's grant application to NDI's Capital Investment Analysis program.

"[Nuxalk Nation] need[s] to determine the viability of a Museum and Cultural Centre to economically support and promote the proposed Nuxalk Big House and 4 Mile Cultural Trail.

Simultaneously, we are exploring funding to add a new College/Trades Centre to the site, creating a Nuxalk Multi-Plex" that is leveraged as a Aboriginal Destination Tourism attraction.

To this end, [Nuxalk Nation] propose[s] to engage a consultant to conduct the necessary research, conduct community consultations and produce a document that provides precise and specific action/work plan and a sound rationale to move forward with applications to fund a Cultural Centre and Museum/Gallery.

If the business case is a viable one, our Grant Writer will commence a fundraising plan for construction of the buildings."