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City Staff Report

Report Date: October 22, 2020**Meeting Date:** October 27, 2020**To:** City Manager**From:** Community Development Coordinator**Subject:** CERIP Grant Applications

Purpose

The purpose of this report is to gain Council's approval to submit two applications to the Community Economic Recovery Infrastructure Program (CERIP) under the Destination Development, and Rural and Economic Recovery streams.

Summary

RV Park and Campground

This project will see the construction of phase one of the Quesnel RV Park and Campground, which includes site demolition and prep, site servicing, road construction, approximately 13 RV/camp sites (with differing service levels), paved entrance to reduce dust and gravel tracking onto the road, a washroom with outdoor washbasin and water tap.

Quesnel Bike Park and Rentals

This project will include both the new construction and redevelopment of the Bike Park behind the Quesnel and District Arts and Recreation Center, as well as the purchase of a small rental bike fleet for all ages. The Bike Park development will include a rubberized strider area specifically for small children, a progressive jump park, and a progressive skills area.

Recommendation

Recommendation #1

THAT Quesnel City Council supports the application to the Community Economic Recovery Infrastructure Program in the Destination Development stream for a grant up to \$515,000 for the RV Park and Campground project;

AND THAT Quesnel City Council approves the use of up to \$180,000 towards the RV Park and Campground project if unsuccessful with Northern Development Initiative Trust funding this project.

Recommendation #2

THAT Quesnel City Council supports the application to the Community Economic Recovery Infrastructure Program in the Rural and Economic Recovery stream for a grant up to \$179,539.85 for the Quesnel Bike Park and Rentals project.

Council Policy

N/A

Strategic Objective

2.4 Continue with trail building based on the Trails Master Plan to be developed in 2020.



7.1.4 Plan specific projects from Waterfront Plan, including old Public Works Yard, and Riverfront trail from footbridge to hospital.

Financial Implications

	City of Quesnel	CERIP	Total
RV Park and Campground	\$180,000	\$515,500	\$695,500
Quesnel Bike Park and Rentals		\$179,539.85	\$179,539.85
	\$180,000	\$695,039.85	\$875,039.85

Background

The Community Economic Recovery Infrastructure Program is available to Indigenous and non-Indigenous local governments and non-profits in four streams. Eligible entities may submit up to \$1M in project costs. City staff have been advised to include a contribution from the City for “larger” grant requests.

RV Park and Campground

The RV Park is part of the award winning Waterfront Development Plan. In 2020, Cariboo Chilcotin Coast Tourism Association provided funding to bring the project closer to shovel-ready. Additionally, a case has been made to implement the RV Park in phases. The first phase will be at the site of the Public Works Yard, which is currently being relocated. This phased approach will allow the project to move ahead in a more cost-effective way while utilizing maximum grant funding.

The contribution from the City of Quesnel is roughly equal to the demolition cost of the existing buildings on site. This project is likely eligible for NDIT funding, however, only projects with secured funding will be considered for the CERIP program.

Quesnel Bike Park and Rentals

In August 2020, the City/CRD put out an RFP to hire a contractor to design and price a bike park and trails master plan behind the Quesnel and District Arts and Recreation Centre. The proposed master plan includes the construction of a series of trails ranging from beginner to advanced using the Bryce Trail as a climbing route, a progressive jump park, a progressive skills park, a paved pump track, and a rubberized strider bike area.

Concurrence

Manager of Economic Development and Tourism

Director of Capital Works and Infrastructure

Director of Public Works Operations