



STAFF REPORT

For: Mayor and Council
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Subject: Grant Award for the Age Friendly OCP project
Meeting date: January 7, 2020

BACKGROUND

The 2020 Age-friendly grant program Stream 1 can contribute up to 100% of the cost of eligible activities to a maximum of \$25,000, provided the application has a Council or Board resolution confirming support for the proposed activities and for providing overall grant management. Updating the OCP was identified as a 2020 strategic priority.

We have received notice that a \$25,000 grant has been awarded to the Village. All project activities must be complete by March 10, 2021, time is of the essence.

DISCUSSION

The Age-friendly Communities program assists communities in BC to support aging populations by developing and implementing policies and plans, undertaking projects that enable seniors and Elders to age in place, and facilitating the creation of age-friendly communities.

This grant will be awarded in two payments to the Village of Sayward: 70% (\$17,500 - received) when the signed Approval Agreement has been returned to UBCM and 30% (\$7,500) when the project is complete and the final reporting requirements have been met.

Staff have received an outline from Urban Systems to complete the OCP review for this project.

Staff suggest that as this project will require a substantial review of the OCP, there is synergy in expanding the review to modernize the OCP and Zoning bylaw which have not had a complete review since 2000. To this end, Staff have asked Urban Systems to provide a quote for an expanded review of the OCP and Zoning bylaw. The depth of the review will depend on resources allocated. A future report will be brought back to Council for review. It is expected that the work will happen in the period January to April 2021. Planning for the project must occur over the next four weeks and financial resources need to be identified.

STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS

Recommended Resolutions:

THAT Council receive the Grant Award for the Age Friendly OCP project report,

AND THAT Staff proceed with obtaining a quote from Urban Systems for an expanded review of the OCP and Zoning bylaw,

AND FINALLY THAT Staff bring back a report outlining work to be done and the financial resources needed to complete the work.

Respectfully submitted,

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