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TO: Chair and Directors
Regional District Board

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RE: Grant Status Report – November 30, 2021

Purpose

To provide an update regarding grant applications and the status of approved grants.

Recommendation from the Chief Administrative Officer

This report is provided for information only.

Executive Summary

Since the previous grant status report at July 31, 2021 the Comox Valley Regional District (CVRD) received notification of approval for the following grant applications:

- Union of BC Municipalities – Strengthening communities’ services: shelter beds, day programs, and rural outreach (\$1,093,173)
- Investment Agriculture Foundation – Comox Valley Agriculture Plan review (\$40,000)
- Ministry of Municipal Affairs – Union Bay Water Master Plan (\$50,000)
- Fire Chiefs’ Association of BC – New equipment Hornby Island (\$13,000)
- Fire Chiefs’ Association of BC – New equipment Black Creek/Oyster Bay (\$12,600)
- Union of BC Municipalities – Spring 2021/2022 C2C Program (\$5,000)

The following grant projects were completed during the period:

- Employment and Social Development Canada – Para-hockey sledges and equipment (\$4,845)
- Ministry of Municipal Affairs – Union Bay Improvement District Restructure Grant Order in Council (25,000)

The following grants were applied for during the period:

- Union of BC Municipalities – Community Resiliency Investment Program: FireSmart Community Funding program supports (\$99,900)
- Canada Parks and Recreation Association – Girl’s Leadership in Aquatic Sports and Lifesaving (\$2,500)

The following grants were denied during the period:

- Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program – Retrofit of the Comox Valley Comox Valley Sports Centre mezzanine area – notification received August 2021
- Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program – Shingle Spit Boat Launch – notification received August 2021

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Financial Factors

Approved grants are included in either the capital or operational budget for the appropriate service in the 2021-2025 Financial Plan. A budget amendment will come forward for grant awards received outside of the financial planning process to ensure projects can move forward.

Intergovernmental Factors

Grant funding opportunities are usually a combination of federal, provincial and regional funds with individual grants participating at different levels of the funding mix.

Occasionally funding opportunities arise that will allow for partnership between the K'ómoks First Nation or other municipalities.

Attachments: Appendix A – Local Government Grants – Comox Valley Regional District status report
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Appendix A
Local Government Grants - Comox Valley Regional District
Status Report at Nov 30, 2021

Approved Grants	Grant Amount	Costs	Grant Scope/Description	Jurisdiction	Expiry	Project Status - November 30, 2021
New Building Canada Fund – Small Communities Fund						
New Building Canada Fund – Small Communities Fund (NBCF-SCF) -Comox Strathcona Waste Management Regional Organics Composting Facility Project	\$5.5M	\$15.5M	Grants supports the development and build of a regional organics composting facility and transfer station for the CSWM area. The project will <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • increase waste diversion • extend life span of current landfill • reduce GHG • create employment opportunities 	CSWM service area	31-Mar-22	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Amended the solid waste management plan to include the construction of the compost facility and transfer station. • Obtained development permit from the City of Campbell River for the construction of the compost facility. • Selected successful contractor to construct the compost facility and the transfer station.
Canada-BC Clean Water Wastewater Fund						
Canada-BC CWWF Funding - Black Creek - Oyster Bay Water Supply Security	\$564,815	\$680,500	Grants supports drilling and constructing a 6" test well and a 12" production well for the Oyster River water treatment facility.	Electoral Areas C & D	31-Mar-22	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Original project scope completed. • Installation of access hatch on infiltration gallery and some of the necessary electrical works are also completed. • Completion of the remaining scope items underway.
ICIP - Comox Valley Water Treatment Project Phase 3 - Construction and The Extension of Water Services South Project	\$62,895,228	\$110,600,000	Grants supports Phase 3: Construction of the Comox Valley Water Treatment Project and The Extension of Water Services South Project	Regional Water	31-Mar-23	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • WTP project construction and commissioning completed • Preliminary design of Water South Extension Project ongoing
Other Grants						
Vancouver Island Health Authority (Island Health) - Community Wellness Granting Program	\$98,933	\$98,933	Grants supports the development and establishment of new community wellness programs and initiatives with a focus on creating positive health outcomes within the community.	Regional	31-Dec-20	This grant continued to support top-up incentives for residents to switch to cleaner heat sources through the Wood Smoke Reduction Program. Sixty percent of the grant has been distributed to grant applicants.
Vancouver Island Health Authority -- Comox Valley Community Health Network (CVCHN)	\$240,000 (\$80,000 - 3 Years)	\$240,000	Grants supports the development of shared understanding, shared priorities, and shared actions to address the social determinates of health and modifiable risk factors in the Comox Valley region.	Regional	31-Mar-21	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Phase 1 report of the Substance Use Strategy completed. Partnering with Walk With Me for the development of phase 2. • The Network is partnering with the Comox Valley Community Foundation for a number of opportunities for cultural safety and inclusion. • Upcoming workshops include "Building Bridges to Understanding: The Village," "Plain Language," and "Everyday Ableism."
BC Ministry of Environment & BC Lung Association -- Provincial Woodstove Exchange Program	\$29,000	\$29,000	Grants supports offering rebates to residents who replace old, inefficient, non-CSA/EPA heating units with more efficient heating ones, such as, pellets stoves, gas stoves, and heat pumps. Grants also supports hiring of a contractor to promote the program and educate the public on burn-it-smart techniques.	Regional	31-Dec-21	Wood Smoke Reduction Program continued to promote rebate uptakes and an education campaign which included smart burning techniques. Sixty percent of the grant has been distributed to grant applicants.

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Vancouver Island Health Authority (Island Health)	\$35,000	\$35,000	Grant supports increasing the rebate amount for those exchanging their wood burning appliances for cleaner energy options such as heat pumps. The rebates target conversions in high emission neighbourhoods.	Regional	31-Mar-21	There was a better uptake in rebates for hot spot areas (West Courtney and the Village of Cumberland). The generous top-up rebate of \$2,500 for exchanging a woodstove to an electric heat pump aims to improve air quality as well as reduce greenhouse gas emissions. There has been a 73% rebate uptake for the program.
Ministry of the Environment and Climate Change Strategy - (Organics Infrastructure Program) OIP	\$909,630	\$15,500,000	Grant will support Regional Compost Facility - Increasing capacity; changed estimates in tonnages processed.	Regional	31-May-22	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Amended the solid waste management plan to include the construction of the compost facility and transfer station. Obtained development permit from the City of Campbell River for the construction of the compost facility. Selected successful contractor to construct the compost facility and the transfer station.
UBCM - Poverty Reduction Planning & Action	\$100,000	\$200,000	Grant will support the development of a local poverty reduction assessment and strategy that addresses the priority action areas identified in TogetherBC: Housing, families, children and youth, income and social supports.	Regional	01-May-21	Community reporting session scheduled for November 24th. Recording and final report to be sent to UBCM November 30, 2021
UBCM - CEPF: 2020 Flood Risk Assessment, Flood Mapping and Flood Mitigation Planning	\$150,000	\$250,000	The grant will support the flood mitigation planning phase of the project, building from the recommendations of earlier work.	Areas A, B, and C	March 31, 2022 Estimated	Project is in the final stages, targeting completion by January 2022
Vancouver Island Health - Community Wellness Grant	\$50,000	\$50,000	Grant will be used to establish an Air Shed Roundtable to create and implement a Regional Air Shed Protection Strategy	Regional	30-Sep-21	A more robust public outreach and engagement approach was taken in 2021 which will better support the creation of the draft Airshed Protection Strategy
BC Ministry of Environment - Wood Stove Exchange	\$29,000	\$29,000	Grant will support air quality awareness and woodstove exchanges. It will build on the current program to include KFN households and will support the Regional Airshed Roundtable.	Regional	Dec 31, 2021	Wood Smoke Reduction Program continued to promote rebate uptakes and an education campaign which included smart burning techniques. Sixty percent of the grant has been distributed to grant applicants.
Ministry of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development - 1 Year	\$12,500	\$12,500	Grant supports <ul style="list-style-type: none"> enforcement of current invasive plant and noxious weeds bylaws development of an educational awareness program coordination with other organizations establishing an invasive plant, noxious weed reporting system. 	Areas A, B, and C	31-Mar-22	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All treatment and inventories completed Contractors compiling year-end data and reports Public education and events nearing completion
UBCM - CEPF: Enhancement of Comox Valley ESS Capacity and Resiliency	\$11,358	\$11,358	Grant will support ESS modernization and use of the Evacuation registration & assistance (ERA), Laptops and Printer and Training Sessions	Regional	30-Apr-22	Equipment purchased. Final report to follow.

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UBCM - Strengthening Communities' Services	\$1,093,173	\$1,093,173	The grant will support providing additional shelter beds, meeting the growing demand for the day-program, and providing extended outreach into the rural regions.	Regional	May 31, 2022	Project has been initiated, targeting completion by end of summer 2022.
UBCM - 2021 CRI FireSmart Community Funding Supports	\$99,260	\$99,260	Grant will support FireSmart training and educational materials to residential electrical areas and KFN lands. It will also support curbside pick-up of wood debris.	Regional	March 7, 2022	Media planning, website development, educational signage, and residential road side yard waste debris pick-up is has been completed
Investment Agriculture Foundation - Comox Valley Agricultural Plan - Review	\$40,000	\$100,000	The grant will support a review and evaluation of our current Agricultural Plan and the activities to update and modernize it.	Regional	Dec 31, 2022 Estimated	Recruitment of coordinator underway. Staff to develop RFP for plan consultant.
Ministry of Municipal Affairs - Union Bay Water Master Plan - 51R12201	\$50,000	\$50,000	Grant will support the development of a water master plan for Union Bay.	Area A	June 30, 2022 Estimated	Koers and Associates Engineering are developing a Water Master Plan for Union Bay
BC Fire Chiefs Association (BCFCA) Red Cross Community Resiliency Grant Tier 2	\$13,000	\$13,000	The grant will support the purchase of new equipment and the training of members.	Hornby Island	March 31, 2022	Equipment purchased.
BC Fire Chiefs Association (BCFCA) Red Cross Community Resiliency Grant Tier 2	\$12,600	\$12,600	The grant will support the purchase of new equipment and the training of members.	Black Creek / Oyster Bay	March 31, 2022	Equipment purchased.
UBCM - Spring 2021/2022 C2C Program	\$5,000	\$5,000	The grant will support the convention of the Comox Valley's local governments and Komoks First Nation to share and provide updates on key projects.	Regional	December 3, 2021	Application Approved October 27

Completed Grants	Grant Amount	Costs	Grant Scope/Description	Jurisdiction	Expiry	
Employment and Social Development Canada	\$4,845	\$4,845	Grants supports the purchase of para-hockey sledges and equipment	Regional	28-Mar-22	Project Completed October 2021
Ministry of Municipal Affairs - UBID Restructure Implementation Grant	\$25,000	\$25,000	Grant will support with the administrative cost associated with the conversion of an improvement district.	Area A Baynes Sound	31-Jul-21	Project Completed July 2021

Applications Submitted / To be Submitted No status received to date	Grant Amount	Costs	Grant Scope/Description	Jurisdiction	Expiry	
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Canada Parks and Recreation Association (CPRA)	\$2,500	\$2,500	Grant will support a girl's leadership camp in aquatic sports and lifesaving	Regional	March 31, 2022 Estimated	Application Submitted November 2021
UBCM - Community Resiliency Investment Program: 2022 FireSmart Community Funding Supports	\$99,900	\$99,900	Grant will support the communities of the CVRD and KFN with their resiliency to wildfire by providing FireSmart training. It will also provide training to local fire departments, emergency staff, and KFN staff.	Regional	TBD	Application Submitted October 2021
Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program - Denman Island Water Treatment Project - IG0225	1,462,933 Estimated	\$1,995,000	Grant will support construction of new water treatment infrastructure, and the conversion of the GLID into a CVRD service area.	Area A Denman Island	Dec 31, 2022 Estimated	Application Submitted February 2020