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REPORT TO THE ELECTORAL AREA SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING OF WEDNESDAY MARCH 3, 2010

SUBJECT: 2010 Age-Friendly Community Planning and Project Grant – Pender Island Seniors Support Network Project

PURPOSE

The purpose of this report is to request CRD Board support for CRD's application to the UBCM Age-Friendly Community Planning and Project Grant. The grant is for \$5,200 to support the establishment of a Seniors' Support Network by the Pender Islands Health Care Society through the Pender Islands Parks and Recreation Service.

BACKGROUND

The 2010 Age-Friendly Community Planning and Project Grant is part of the Seniors' Housing and Support Initiative (SHSI), administered by UBCM and funded by the Ministry of Community and Rural Development. The SHSI is intended to assist local governments in British Columbia to support aging populations, develop and implement policies and plans and/or develop projects that enable seniors to age in place, and facilitate the creation of age-friendly communities.

The total cost of the proposed Pender islands Seniors Support Network Project is \$5,200; this includes all the resources required for the Pender Islands Health Care Society to operate the network over a one-year period (26 bi-weekly networking sessions). Over the long-term, it is anticipated that the project will be sustained through volunteer efforts – primarily seniors themselves – as well as in-kind support from local community organizations.

ALTERNATIVES

- 1) Alternative 1: To support CRD's submission of a grant application to the 2010 Age-Friendly Community Planning and Project Grant program requesting \$5,200 to support the establishment of a seniors' support network for sharing information about wellness by the Pender Islands Health Care Society and through the Pender Islands Parks and Recreation Service.
- 2) Alternative 2: To not support CRD's submission of a grant application to the 2010 Age-Friendly Community Planning and Project Grant program requesting \$5,200 to support the establishment of a seniors' support network for sharing information about wellness by the Pender Islands Health Care Society and through the Pender Islands Parks and Recreation Service.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

There are no matching funds required by CRD; however, accounting for the grant through the Pender Islands Parks and Recreation Service is the CRD's responsibility.

SUMMARY/CONCLUSIONS

CRD is requesting the support of the CRD Board for its application to the 2010 Age-Friendly Community Planning and Project Grant which involves the establishment of a Seniors Support Network by the Pender Islands Health Care Society and through the Pender Islands Parks and Recreation Service at a cost of \$5,200.

RECOMMENDATION

That the CRD Board agrees to support the CRD's application for a 2010 Age-Friendly Community Planning and Project Grant for establishment of a seniors' support network on Pender Island by the Pender Islands Health Care Society and through the Pender Islands Parks and Recreation Service.

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COMMENTS: