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**REPORT TO THE ELECTORAL AREA SERVICES COMMITTEE
MEETING OF WEDNESDAY, JUNE 19, 2013**

**SUBJECT COMMUNITY WORKS FUND ALLOCATION – NORTH GANGES VILLAGE
TRANSPORTATION MANAGEMENT PLAN PHASE 2**

ISSUE

Funding required for Phase 2 of the North Ganges Village Transportation Management Plan (NGVTMP)

BACKGROUND

The NGVTMP is a major initiative within the electoral area of Salt Spring Island (SSI) to develop and implement a transportation management plan in the vicinity of Ganges. From 2008 to 2012, the Capital Regional District (CRD) Board has allocated \$1,103,674 in Federal Gas Tax Community Works Funds (CWF) to the NGVTMP.

At the SSI Transportation Commission's recommendation, the 2013 capital expenditure plan for the SSI Transit and Transportation Service includes \$235,290 for phase 2 of the NGVTMP, based on funding of \$100,000 from the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure (MoTI), \$100,000 in CWF, and \$35,290 from the services' capital reserves.

The SSI Electoral Area's remaining allotment of CWF funds has \$100,000 earmarked for NGVTMP Phase 2 in accordance with the service's capital plan and with the SSI Electoral Area Director's concurrence. CRD Board authorization is required to formalize the proposed CWF contribution to the NGVTMP.

ALTERNATIVES

1. That a contribution of \$100,000 from the Salt Spring Island Electoral Area's Community Works Fund allotment be authorized for the North Ganges Village Transportation Management Plan – Phase 2.
2. That this contribution of Community Works Funding be postponed pending further information.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

The proposed contribution CWF funds aligns with the SSI Transit and Transportation Service's 2013 capital budget, and with the guidelines for the Federal Gas Tax program. The requested funding has been set aside in the SSI Electoral Area's allotment of CWF.

CONCLUSION

At the SSI Transportation Commission's recommendation, and with the SSI Electoral Area Director's concurrence, the 2013 capital expenditure plan for the SSI Transit and Transportation Service includes a contribution of \$100,000 in CWF toward the NGVTMP – Phase 2.

The SSI Electoral Area's remaining allotment of CWF funds has \$100,000 earmarked for this purpose, which aligns with the Federal Gas Tax guidelines.

CRD Board authorization is required to formalize the proposed CWF contribution to the NGVTMP.

RECOMMENDATION

The Electoral Area Services Committee recommends to the Board:

That a contribution of \$100,000 from the Salt Spring Island Electoral Area's Community Works Fund be authorized for the North Ganges Village Transportation Management Plan – Phase 2.

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