

REQUEST FOR DECISION

To: Board of Directors

From: Russell Dyson, Chief Administrative Officer

Meeting Date: January 25, 2017

Subject: Board Resolution to Support Application for Alberni Valley Fire smart Grant Program

Recommendation:

THAT the Alberni-Clayoquot Regional District Board of Directors apply to the Strategic Wildfire Prevention Initiative for a 2017 Fire smart Planning Grants for the rural areas of the Alberni Valley.

Desired Outcome:

To receive funding to enable the Emergency Coordinator and Fire Chiefs of the local fire departments of the Alberni Valley to work in a coordinated program to advance Fire smart education and awareness.

Background:

The Fire Chief for the City of Port Alberni – Kelly Gilday has prepared two applications for funding for the rural areas of the Alberni Valley that are coordinated with an application for the City. Together \$30,000 would be available if the grants are successful. Any materials developed will be available to all residents of the regional district. The program to be delivered includes:

1. Working with MOFR to create a Fire Smart Education program and to present to private landowners in the community.
2. Provide fire smart educational opportunities through school programs, community associations, and neighbourhood meetings.
3. Work with local groups and private landowners to provide example fire smart property including site visits and assessments.
4. Utilize media to create the awareness and available information for private landowners, create awareness of the Partners in Protection programs and information.
5. Develop support programs to aid private landowners in fire smarting their properties.

The applications would be well supported with a resolution from the Board of Directors. The deadline is January 27, 2017.

Time Requirements – Staff & Elected Officials:

Modest – the applications are ready to be proofed, signed and submitted. If successful, the program will

be delivered by the Emergency Services Coordinator and the Fire Chiefs.

Financial:

None

Policy or Legislation:

This is a follow up to the Community Wildfire protection Plan previously prepared by the community.

Options Considered:

Do not apply for the funding



Submitted by:

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