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REQUEST FOR DECISION

TO: ACRD Board of Directors

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RE: Amend UBCM Housing Needs Report Application for Treaty First Nations

Recommendation:

That the ACRD Board of Directors direct staff to apply to the UBCM Housing Needs Report program to change the approved Alberni-Clayoquot Regional District Housing Needs Report project scope of work and budget to include Uchucklesaht Tribe Government, Huu-ay-aht First Nations, and Yuułuʔiłʔatḥ First Nations, and confirm willingness to provide overall grant management to the project.

Summary:

Treaty First Nations are now eligible to apply for UBCM Housing Needs Report (HNR) program funding, though not subject to the provincial requirements to complete the reports. Three of the four ACRD member Treaty First Nations (Uchucklesaht Tribe Government, Huu-ay-aht First Nations, and Yuułuʔiłʔatḥ First Nations) have indicated they would like to work together to be part of the ACRD's regional HNR project. This will require the ACRD applying to UBCM to amend the approved application to increase the scope of work and budget, which requires Regional Board and First Nation Council approval.

Background:

In January 2020, the ACRD was awarded UBCM funding to complete a HNR for each of the six Electoral Areas (EAs) by early 2021. Reports will be completed for three separate geographic areas: Bamfield EA, the Alberni Valley (Beaufort, Sproat Lake, Beaver Creek, and Cherry Creek EAs), and the West Coast (Long Beach EA). The Bamfield and Alberni Valley reports are currently underway.

ACRD staff have recently been advised that Treaty First Nations (which in the ACRD include: Uchucklesaht Tribe Government, Huu-ay-aht First Nations, Yuułuʔiłʔatḥ First Nations, and Toquaht Nation) are now eligible for the HNRs program, though not subject to the provincial requirements to complete the reports. Funding is scaled based on the net population of the planning area, and each Treaty First Nation is eligible to apply for \$15,000 in funding. UBCM has confirmed that there is an option for the ACRD to apply to amend the approved application to add a First Nation(s) into the regional HNR. Or alternatively, a Treaty First Nation can apply to submit an application to develop a report separate from the ACRD's.

As of November 10, 2020, Planning staff have received written confirmation that Uchucklesaht Tribe

Government, Huu-ay-aht First Nations, and Yuułuʔiłʔatḥ First Nations would like to work together to be a part of the ACRD's regional HNR project. Yuułuʔiłʔatḥ First Nations have requested to be tentatively included in the joint project, subject to forthcoming confirmation. Toquaht Nation has indicated that they will not be applying for UBCM HNR funding, and are not interested at this time in applying to join the ACRD's HNR project.

Planning staff will work with Uchucklesaht Tribe Government and Huu-ay-aht First Nations staff to develop a scope of work to incorporate the First Nations into the Bamfield EA 'A' HNR, which is currently underway. Vancouver Island University (VIU) is leading this project, with overall project management and support from a Planning staff lead. VIU has expressed interest and confirmed capacity to amend the current Bamfield HNR contract to reflect the new scope of work.

Upon confirmation, Planning staff will also work with Yuułuʔiłʔatḥ First Nations to develop a scope of work to incorporate the First Nation into the Long Beach EA 'C' HNR. Where possible, staff will also work with the Districts of Tofino and Ucluelet to develop a regional West Coast HNR.

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