



AGENDA
COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CASTLEGAR

Special Meeting – 12:00 p.m. , October 28, 2016

Call To Order

Adoption of Agenda

As presented

REPORTS:

Finance and Corporate Services: (Councillor Rye / Mayor Chernoff)

Application to Rural Dividend Program – West Kootenay Regional Airport
(The report will be distributed at the meeting.)

ADJOURNMENT:

Given under my hand this 27th day of October 27, 2016 and posted in accordance with Section 127 of the Community Charter.

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Tracey Butler
Director of Corporate Services



REPORT TO COUNCIL

DATE: October 27, 2016 **REPORT NO.:** 16-174
SUBMITTED BY: Chief Administrative Officer **FILE NO.:** 8410-20
SUBJECT: West Kootenay Regional Airport Grant Application

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT Council authorize the submission of an application to the BC Rural Dividend Program in the amount of \$500,000 for a proposed expansion at the West Kootenay Regional Airport, and that Council support this project through its duration.

PURPOSE

To secure Council approval to submit a grant request for the expansion of the West Kootenay Regional Airport terminal.

SUMMARY/BACKGROUND:

The City has identified the West Kootenay Airport as one of its strategic objectives for the City's economic development. Two years ago, the City applied for funding for a \$4.2 M expansion of the terminal. The proposed terminal expansion would double the secure passenger capacity and increase freight/baggage handling capacity. The request was not successful. This year, the Province has opened up a second source of funding – the Rural Dividend. Consequently the expansion project is being forward to request grant funding from both grant sources.

The project was costed at \$4.2 m of which, if funded, would see \$2.1 M from the BC On The Move Airport Fund, \$500,000 from the Rural Dividend, \$1 M from CBT and \$600,000 from the City's Fund Reserves.

ALTERNATIVES

The following options are available to Council:

- i) Do not submit a grant proposal.

IMPLICATIONS:

(1) Social Increased business activity at the Airport and potential for job creation and increased services.

(2) Environmental N/A

(3) Personnel N/A

(4) Financial If successful, the project would still require approval from the Provincial Airport funding and CBT. If those approvals are forthcoming, then the City's reserves would be used for the remaining amount.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS:

Council has stated in its Strategic Plan that it views the West Kootenay Regional Airport as key to the region's economic development and to the region's transportation hub. The proposed expansion supports the City's policy of further developing the airport.

IMPLEMENTATION/COMMUNICATION:

If approved by Council, staff will submit the necessary documents.

Respectfully submitted,

John Malcolm, Chief Administrative Officer