

Regional District of Nanaimo Board – Meeting Date: July 25, 2023

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Regional District and First Nation Partner(s) Study Grant for Inclusive Regional Governance

It was moved and seconded to rise and report as follows:

Item 6.6 That the fully executed Regional District and First Nation Partner(s) Study Grant for Inclusive Regional Governance between the Regional District of Nanaimo and the Ministry of Municipal Affairs, in the amount of \$45,000, is to be made public by publishing the agreement on the Regional District of Nanaimo's website.

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Douglas Holmes
Chief Administrative Officer
Regional District of Nanaimo
6300 Hammond Bay Road
Nanaimo, BC V9T 6N2

Dear Douglas:

Thank you for the letter from Chair Vanessa Craig on March 10, 2023, regarding funding for engagement related to advancing First Nations participation in regional district boards.

As your regional district and area First Nations have shown an interest in inclusive regional governance, the Ministry of Municipal Affairs is pleased to make a commitment of \$45,000 to the Regional District of Nanaimo (RDN) for this work, which can be used for engagement activities, such as hiring consultants, holding events, and administrative costs.

This letter provides information and requirements for the following approved project:

Project	Amount	Commitment No.
Inclusive Regional Governance	\$45,000	51RS2320

The grant has been approved under the Restructure Planning Grant Program, pursuant to the *Local Government Grants Act* and Regulations. Please cite this commitment number in all correspondence. The grant will be paid out via an electronic payment transfer, and in collaboration with our finance team.

The following stipulations must be met in order to retain this funding:

- 1) The RDN must use the grant funding solely for the purposes outlined in the attached Terms of Reference;
- 2) The grant funding must be used only for reasonable costs and expenses related to engagement activities incurred from the time the grant was received to March 31, 2024;
- 3) The RDN must provide the Ministry with an *Interim Progress Report*, *Final Project Report*, and *Account of Study Expenses* as outlined in the attached Terms of Reference; and

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- 4) Unused grant funding should be returned in the form of a cheque made payable to the Minister of Finance no later than May 1, 2024.

Dianna Porter, Senior Program Analyst, Governance and Structure Branch, Local Government Division, is the lead for this project and can be reached by telephone at: 778-698-3213, or by email at: Dianna.Porter@gov.bc.ca. Please direct the required reports to Ms. Porter.

Thank you again for writing.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Brent Mueller". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Brent Mueller
Director, Governance Relations

Enclosures (1)