

District of Barriere
REPORT TO COUNCIL

Date: February 26, 2024	
To: Council	From: D. Underwood, TRUE Consulting, & T. Buchanan, Acting CAO
Re: CEPF Grant Application Submission (March 2024 intake)	

Background: The Community Emergency Preparedness Fund (CEPF) is a suite of funding stream intended to enhance the resilience of local governments, First Nations, and communities in responding to emergencies and to reduce risks from future disasters due to natural hazards and climate-related risks.

The District has previously made successful application in 2022 in support of expansion of Floodplain Mapping. As a result of that project, the District now has:

- A thorough understanding of the current and future flood risks facing the community,
- The information available to better respond to flooding events when they occur,
- Base level information to incorporate into development decisions, the OCP and other District initiatives,
- Information needed to develop and implement a community wide Flood Mitigation Plan

The CEPF Disaster Risk Reduction-Climate Adaptation funding stream is accepting applications to March 28, 2024. This program covers 100% of eligible project costs, with a maximum contribution of \$150,000.

Discussion: District staff are recommending that the following grant application be submitted under this funding program:

The development of a flood mitigation plan is recommended to be undertaken as a next step in the District's objective to enhance its understanding of the risks facing the community associated with a changing climate.

Recommendations: **THAT Council direct staff to submit an application for grant funding of up to \$150,000 to prepare a Flood Mitigation Plan through the Community Emergency Preparedness Fund (March 2024 intake); and THAT Council seek a letter of support from Simpcw First Nation to accompany this grant application.**

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