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**4:30 PM Special Meeting of Council, Wednesday, August 14<sup>th</sup>, 2024**

**AGENDA**

*This meeting of the Council of the Village of Port Clements being held on the traditional territory of the Haida People.*

**1. Adopt the Agenda**

**2. Government**

G-1— Northwest BC Funding Agreement Requirements

**3. In Camera**

90(2) A part of a council meeting must be closed to the public if the subject matter being considered relates to one or more of the following:

(b) the consideration of information received and held in confidence relating to negotiations between the municipality and a provincial government or the federal government or both, or between a provincial government or the federal government or both and a third party.

**4. Adjournment**



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## REPORT TO COUNCIL

Author: Marjorie Dobson CAO  
Date: August 14, 2024  
RE: The Northwest BC Funding Agreement Requirements

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### BACKGROUND

Local Governments may receive funding from several sources including the BC government and the government of Canada. Grants and other monetary transfers to local governments are either conditional or unconditional. Conditional grants are designated for a specific purpose and may not be used for another project, while unconditional grants may be used for any purpose the recipient local government sees fit.

In April of 2024 the Resource Benefit Alliance Committee approved the model proposed by the province as the allocation formula for a 5-year, \$250 million agreement in which the province will disburse \$50 000 000 each year to be allocated to the RBA municipalities based on the formula agreed on. The Village of Port Clements was allocated \$890,997 yearly, totaling \$4,454,985 for the 5-year period.

### Discussion

The Northwest BC Regional Funding Agreement is classified as conditional funding, by extensions, recipient local governments cannot use the funds for any other purpose than those stipulated by the BC government (the funding agency) The funding also comes with certain Eligibility requirements.

To receive the 2024 annual payment, the municipality must meet the following eligibility criteria as determined by the province:

1. Must be in good standing with the province: - having met all annual financial statutory requirements under the Community Charter and Local Government Act
2. Local Governments through councilor board resolution:
  - Commit to implementing sound asset management practices, and development of asset management plans that are linked to long-term financial plans for core assets by 2028
  - Commit to using the 2024 annual payment for eligible purposes outlined in the agreement

Note that annual funding must not result in the reduction of property taxes. Accordingly, a copy of the property tax bylaw is required by the province for each year going forward.

Eligibility Requirements for subsequent years (2025-2028) will follow in another report

**Treatment of Funds:**

Municipalities must establish a separate reserve fund under section s.188 of the Community Charter for the purpose of this agreement

**Eligible Use of Funds:**

- Asset Management Plan(s)
- Planning
- New or expanded capital infrastructure
- Capital maintenance
- Operations (limited to 15%).

**Recommendation:** (a) That the Village of Port Clements commit to implementing sound asset management practices and the development of asset management plans that are linked to long-term financial plans for core assets.

(b) That the Village of Port Clements commit to using the 2024 annual payment from the Northwest Regional Funding agreement for an eligible purpose as stipulate by the province

CONCLUSION:

**STRATEGIC**

Improving community infrastructure that benefits the community

**FINANCIAL**

**(Corporate Budget Impact)**

Additional funds become available to boost capital projects.

**ADMINISTRATIVE**

**(Workload Impact and Consequence)**

Additional workload expected. Staff will work together to ensure a supportive environment to utilize the funds efficiently in meeting the needs of the community while fulfilling the requirements of the agreement.

**Respectfully submitted**

Marjorie Dobson, CAO