

City Staff Report

Deputy City Manager Bolton for:

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Report Date: March 24 2021

Meeting Date: April 6, 2021

To: City Manager

From: Erin Robinson

Subject: Forestry Initiatives Program

Purpose

This report is being submitted to Council to inform them of an internship that the City of Quesnel has secured from April-September 2021.

Summary

The City of Quesnel's Forestry Initiatives Program has been successful in our application to the Mathematics of Information Technology and Complex Systems Program (MiTACS) for hosting an intern from UBC. The intern will spend 6 months in total (2 of those months living in Quesnel) helping us understand how can interactions within the Quesnel forestry network can bring new and innovative opportunities to our community.

Recommendation

This report is being submitted for information only

Statutory Requirements

There are not any Community Charter, Local Government Act requirements.

Council Policy

There is no directly applicable policy.

Strategic Objective

This report falls under the Manufacturing Analysis and Business Case Development heading of 2020 Strategic Plan.

Financial Implications

The proposed project will not result in direct costs to City.

Background

In October 2020, the City of Quesnel's Forestry Initiatives Program, together with CNC and UNBC, hosted a group of UBC students, researchers, and faculty to learn about forestry in Quesnel. Their lead professor Dr. Jeff Sayer hoped that they could return to the area to pursue their Vibrant Forest Landscapes research on small and medium forestry enterprises. Now, through the funding from MiTACS with assistance from the Rural Dividend Fund, we can begin this important research into how the interactions within the Quesnel forestry network can bring new and innovative opportunities to our community.



Attachments

Backgrounder document attached

Concurrence

Options