



## STAFF REPORT

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**DATE:** May 21, 2021

**FILE:** 0550-04 Board

**TO:** Chair and Directors,  
Regional Board

**FROM:** David Leitch  
Chief Administrative Officer

**RE:** REFUGE COVE BOARDWALK PROJECT - FUNDING OPTIONS

### **PURPOSE**

To consider a recommendation from the Electoral Areas Services Committee that further research be done on potential funding options for the Refuge Cove boardwalk project.

### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

The attached report was considered by the Electoral Areas Services Committee at its May 12, 2021 meeting at which time the following resolution was passed:

Leigh/Anderson: EASC 98/21

THAT the matter be referred to staff for a further report on information about the project and funding opportunities.

The following actions are offered in support of the Committee's recommendation.

### **RECOMMENDATION**

1. THAT the report from the Chief Administrative Officer be received.
2. THAT a further report be prepared regarding the Refuge Cove boardwalk project and potential funding sources involving the Regional District.

Respectfully:



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David Leitch  
Chief Administrative Officer

**Prepared by:** T. Yates, Corporate Services Manager

Attachment: Copy of May 7, 2021 report to the Electoral Areas Services Committee



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**TO:** Chair and Directors,  
Electoral Areas Services Committee

**FROM:** David Leitch  
Chief Administrative Officer

**RE:** REFUGE COVE BOARDWALK PROJECT - FUNDING OPTIONS

### PURPOSE

To consider information on potential funding options for the Refuge Cove boardwalk project.

### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The attached report was considered by the Board at its April 28, 2021 meeting at which time the following resolution was passed:

Abram/Leigh: SRD 368/21

THAT a report be prepared on options, if any, for the Regional District to provide funding to the Refuge Cove boardwalk project.

Staff have investigated potential funding options for the Refuge Cove Land and Housing Co-Operative's Refuge Cove boardwalk project. Given the limited information available, it is unclear as to whether the project may be eligible for current grant program streams.

Staff can confirm that Electoral Area C Parks Reserves are not available to fund this project as the project is not within an SRD park. Alternatively, it does appear that the project would be eligible for Community Works (Gas Tax) Funds given with the information provided. Electoral Area C currently has \$1,611,711 in Community Works (Gas Tax) Funds on hand, with \$483,474 currently earmarked towards approved projects.

### RECOMMENDATION

THAT the report from the Chief Administrative Officer be received.

Respectfully:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "David Leitch", is written over a light grey rectangular background.

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David Leitch  
Chief Administrative Officer

**Prepared by:** A. Nelson, Senior Manager, Community Services

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**TO:** Chair and Directors,  
Regional Board

**FROM:** David Leitch  
Chief Administrative Officer

**RE:** REFUGE COVE BOARDWALK PROJECT – FUNDING OPTIONS

### PURPOSE/PROBLEM

To consider a recommendation from the Electoral Areas Services Committee that a report be prepared on the options, if any, for funding the Refuge Cove Boardwalk project.

### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The attached report was considered by the Electoral Areas Services Committee at its April 14, 2021 meeting at which time the following recommendation was made:

Leigh/Whalley: EASC 80/21

THAT staff provide a report with additional information on this item.

The following actions are offered in support of the Committee's recommendation.

### RECOMMENDATIONS

1. THAT the report from the Chief Administrative Officer be received.
2. THAT a report be prepared on the options, if any, for the Regional District to provide funding for the Refuge Cove boardwalk project.

Respectfully:



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David Leitch  
Chief Administrative Officer

**Prepared by:** E. Watson, Senior Executive Assistant

Attachments: Copy of April 7, 2021 director's report to Electoral Areas Services Committee

**From:** [Edith Watson](mailto:Edith.Watson@xplornet.ca)  
**To:** [Edith Watson](mailto:Edith.Watson@xplornet.ca)  
**Subject:** FW: Refuge Cove Boardwalk project  
**Date:** April 7, 2021 10:12:55 AM

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**From:** Jim Abram <[jimabram@xplornet.ca](mailto:jimabram@xplornet.ca)>  
**Sent:** March 12, 2021 12:21 PM  
**To:** David Leitch <[DLeitch@srd.ca](mailto:DLeitch@srd.ca)>; Aniko Nelson <[ANelson@srd.ca](mailto:ANelson@srd.ca)>; Mike Harmston <[mharmston@srd.ca](mailto:mharmston@srd.ca)>;  
Renée LaBoucane <[rlaboucane@srd.ca](mailto:rlaboucane@srd.ca)>  
**Cc:** [jfrioud@shaw.ca](mailto:jfrioud@shaw.ca); [tracyleecoletta@gmail.com](mailto:tracyleecoletta@gmail.com)  
**Subject:** Fwd: Refuge Cove Boardwalk project

Hello to all

Can you please put your heads together and let me know if there is anything out there that can fulfill this need. Is there anything in our Parks reserve, Gas Tax, I-CET funding or any other creative way to find some much needed funds. Refuge Cove never asks for anything and it is their turn!

Please let me know.

Does this need to go on an EASC agenda? If so can we please make that happen!?

Your help will be greatly appreciated

Jim

Sent from my iPhone so please excuse my fat fingered response

Begin forwarded message:

**From:** Jackie <[jfrioud@shaw.ca](mailto:jfrioud@shaw.ca)>  
**Date:** March 12, 2021 at 10:59:57 AM PST  
**To:** [jimabram@xplornet.ca](mailto:jimabram@xplornet.ca)  
**Cc:** tracy Coletta <[tracyleecoletta@gmail.com](mailto:tracyleecoletta@gmail.com)>  
**Subject:** Refuge Cove Boardwalk project

Hi Mr. Abram,

I understand that the Strathcona Regional District has funds to help communities with projects. Refuge Cove, as a boat access only community, relies on walking trails, a boardwalk and docks to access homes and services. Our boardwalk has been an essential part of our community for decades, connecting residents to the store and business area as well as to each other's homes. The boardwalk needs to be rebuilt. We have had a crew working on one half of it over the winter, but I am writing to see if funding would be available to construct the second section this year. Although the boardwalk serves residents of the Refuge Cove Land and Housing Co-operative and their visitors, it is an integral part of the Cove's history and character that adds to the Cove's attraction for boaters and tourists. Visible from the water, its wooden structure spanning the shore of the cove is a reminder of the history and way of life of this unique remote community.

I am attaching photos of the boardwalk.

Please let me know if there is a grant we can apply for.

Thank you,  
Jackie Frioud



Secretary  
Refuge Cove Land and Housing Co-op  
Refuge Cove Harbour Society





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