

COUNCIL REPORT

To: Mayor and Council

From: Administration

Date: February 9, 2026

Subject: Resolution of Support – NDIT Economic Development Capacity Building 2026

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT Council supports the District of Mackenzie's application to the Northern Development Initiative Trust's Economic Development Capacity Building grant program for up to \$50,000.

AND THAT the Chief Administration Officer be authorized to execute the grant application and, if the application is successful, any related documentation.

BACKGROUND:

The Economic Development Capacity Building program, funded through the Northern Development Initiative Trust, provides municipalities with \$50,000 in annual grant funding to continue employing an economic development staff position as well as supporting economic development planning and projects. The District has successfully received grant funding from this program since 2010.

Overall, this grant gives the District monetary support to maintain a position that develops and executes existing economic development programs and provides support towards the development and progress of the community.

BUDGETARY IMPACT:

The \$50,000 grant supplements 2026 staff wages and has been included in the 2026 operational budget.

COUNCIL PRIORITIES:

Economic Vitality

- The District is a leader on efforts aimed at diversifying the community's economy, supporting local businesses, and attracting new investment to the community. Diversification, a strong business sector and new investment are key to our economic vitality.



RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:

Rachelle Richman, Economic Development Coordinator

Reviewed By: Corporate and Financial Services

Approved By: Chief Administrative Officer