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## ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT MANAGER REPORT

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TO: Tim Pley, Acting City Manager  
FROM: Pat Deakin, Economic Development Manager  
DATE: For February 9, 2016

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**SUBJECT: ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT MANAGER DECISION ON REQUEST FROM CHAMBER FOR \$2,000 TO COMPLETE TRI-CONIC CHALLENGE GRANT APPLICATION**

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**Issue:**

At the January 25<sup>th</sup> Council meeting, the Alberni Valley Chamber of Commerce requested \$2,000 to complete a grant application for the Tri-Conic Challenge. This was referred to the Economic Development Manager for a decision along with a request that the decision be conveyed to Council at their next meeting (February 9<sup>th</sup>, 2016).

**Discussion:**

The proposal for a Tri-Conic Challenge in 2017 has been presented to Council previously and needs no further explanation.

Your Economic Development Manager saw merit in the idea when it was originally proposed and assigned some research and writing for the Challenge to the Economic Development Assistant on an 'as time permits' basis.

The Chamber would like to have an individual fully focused on completing the grant application as soon as possible and believes that the work involved can be contracted out for \$2,000. Normally this kind of request would come through the City's Community Investment Program but the timelines do not work in this instance.

**Decision:**

The Economic Development Manager has approved the \$2,000 request. The funds will be allocated from the Business Development Budget.

In addition to allowing the Chamber to complete the application in a timely matter, the decision means the Economic Development Assistant will have a small amount of time 'back' to attend to other work.



Pat Deakin, Economic Development Manager