## Staff Report



February 13, 2024

To Board of Education (Public Meeting)

From Ray Velestuk, Secretary-Treasurer/CFO

Re Skills Canada Provincial Competition Partners' Luncheon Sponsorship

## **RECOMMENDATION:**

THAT the Board of Education approve the request from Skills Canada BC to co-sponsor the 2024 Skills Canada BC Competition Partners' Luncheon to a maximum amount of \$2,500.

## **BACKGROUND:**

The Skills Canada Provincial Competition is scheduled for April 17, 2024, at Tradex Abbotsford.

This year's Provincial Competition will be the 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary of showcasing the province's top students in skilled trades and technology.

These contests are practical challenges showcasing gold medal winners from all of the regional competitions striving to represent BC at the National Championships. Abbotsford students have had tremendous success in these competitions and over the years many have gone on to compete nationally as well.

The district has co-sponsored the partners' luncheon since 2005 beginning with \$4,400 in the first year, and then \$2,000 annually in subsequent years up to and including 2019 – the last event prior to the pandemic.

In 2023, the Board approved the request from Skills Canada BC to co-sponsor the luncheon in the amount of \$2,000. This year, due to the increase in food prices and the likelihood of more luncheon participants in this anniversary year, the request has been made for \$2,500.

## [EXTERNAL] Skills Canada BC Partners' Luncheon Sponsorship

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Greetings and Happy New Year!

I am contacting you on behalf Skills Canada BC. This year's Provincial Competition will be held at Tradex on April 17, 2024, and it will be the 30th anniversary of this event that showcases the province's top students in skilled trades and technology.

One of the highlights of the day is the Partners' Luncheon which brings together our sponsors and partners who support us with financial or in-kind donations, and those whose institutions train the students who compete in the event. Thank you for Abbotsford School District's co-sponsorship of this luncheon for the past many years.

We are asking if you would again co-sponsor the event with UFV Trades. If so, due to increase in food prices and the likelihood of a larger number of luncheon participants in this anniversary year, we would request that each of our co-sponsors' contribution be raised to \$2500 this year. This will ensure that your organization be acknowledged in signage as well as provide you with a booth in our Pathways area. In addition, we would like to have a representative speak briefly to the luncheon guests.

Thank you for your consideration of our request.

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