

2019 Business Plan South Cariboo Transit Service (1028)

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Working in partnership with communities, large and small, to make the Cariboo Chilcotin a socially, economically and environmentally desirable region to live, work and play.

Department/Function Services

The South Cariboo Transit Service function was established through Bylaw No. 3282 in 1997.

This service is provided by means of a contract with the District of 100 Mile House. The contract is based on ridership from a local service area, which is a portion of Electoral Area G in the 108 Mile Ranch and Lac La Hache areas. Under the terms of the contract, the Regional District pays 50 percent of the net municipal cost of the service. The current contract has a three-year term from 2017-2020.

Requisition is by way of a parcel tax. The maximum requisition is \$25,000 or \$0.14/\$1,000 of assessment.

As the Electoral Area G Director is the only stakeholder, and the *Local Government Act* requires more than one vote, the entire Board is responsible for the governance of this service.

Business Plan Goals, Rationale & Strategies

No new goals identified for 2019.

Overall Financial Impact

In 2019, the requisition is raised by 4.5%, amounting to an increase of \$2,209.

The 2019 – 2023 requisitions are projected to increase by 4.5% per year in order to accommodate financial projections received from BC Transit, which include significant cost increases for lease fees on replacement vehicles.

The 2018 requisition remained the same as the 2017 and 2016 requisitions. The 2016 requisition was increased by 10% from the 2015 requisition, amounting to \$4,525. This increase was a result of unforeseen maintenance costs in 2015, which depleted the existing budgeted surplus.

Significant Issues & Trends

The Cariboo Regional District is a signatory on the Province of BC/UBCM Climate Action Charter, and has committed to continuing work towards carbon neutrality in respect of corporate operations.

Measuring Previous Years Performance

There were no new goals in 2018.

Other Accomplishments

A transit feasibility study by BC Transit, for service to Lone Butte and Forest Grove, was initiated in 2014 and completed in March 2015. It was determined that the service is not cost effective and will not be pursued.