



building communities together

2019 Business Plan Central Cariboo HandyDart (1039)

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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 Central Cariboo HandyDart contribution function was established following a successful referendum in 2010 through adoption of Bylaw No. 4625. This service is delivered by means of a Community Transit Partnership Agreement (January 1, 2017 – December 31, 2019) with the City of Williams Lake which extends its HandyDart service to portions of Electoral Areas D, E and F in the greater Williams Lake area. Cost of the service is shared with BC Transit through an Annual Operating Agreement with the City.

Participants in the service are taxed based on the assessed value of improvements only. The maximum requisition is the greater of \$20,027 or an amount raised by applying a tax rate of \$0.0316/\$1,000 to the net taxable assessed value of land and improvements.

The Directors for Electoral Areas D, E and F are responsible for the governance of this service.

Business Plan Goals, Rationale & Strategies

2019 Goals

- 1. Goal:** Renew the Community Transit Partnership with the City of Williams Lake which extends its HandyDart service to portions of Electoral Areas D, E and F in the greater Williams Lake area.
Rationale: The current three-year agreement expires on December 31, 2019.
Strategy: Agreement terms and cost will be renewed if there are no material changes.
- 2. Goal:** Provide an annual breakdown of statistics showing met trips and unmet trips for the HandyDart service.

Rationale: Tracking met trips and unmet trips will determine if the service is adequately meeting the needs of clients and users.

Strategy: The statistics will be obtained from the operators, the City of Williams Lake and BC Transit and provided to Regional District staff.

Overall Financial Impact

The 2019 requisition remains the same as the 2018 requisition at \$10,000.

Significant Issues & Trends

The Williams Lake transit service review was completed in 2016. The review examined HandyDart service and determined that unmet trips have been steadily decreasing over the years indicating that there are no major capacity issues that need immediate attention.

HandyDart ridership was steady throughout the year, but highly dependent on repeated use by individuals requiring service. In 2018, rides to the end of July totaled 192, more than the 75 trips totaled for the same period in 2017, demonstrating continued regular use of the service. The total rides for 2017 were 180.

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

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