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2019 Business Plan Area H Community Hall and Recreation Facility Support Service (1558)

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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 Electoral Area H Community Hall and Recreation Facility Support Service was established through Bylaw No. 3959 in 2004 and amended in 2009 through Bylaw No. 4478.

The purpose of the service is to provide funding to the Forest Grove and District Recreation Society by means of a contribution contract (January 1, 2019 – December 31, 2023) for costs associated with owning and operating the Forest Grove Community Hall and recreation facilities. The funds are to be expended on insurance, utilities, and capital improvements. This is in recognition of the important role local halls play in the stability and healthy activity within communities.

The service area includes all of Electoral Area H and requisition is by way of parcel tax. The requisition limit may not exceed the greater of \$20,000 or \$0.1352/\$1,000 of assessed value of land and improvements.

As the Electoral Area H 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

2019 Goals

- 1. Goal:** Contribute toward the installation of insulation in the roof.
Rationale: The roof was constructed without insulation or a vapour barrier. Insulation is required to protect the roof and reduce heating costs. The project is consistent with the purpose of the community hall support function.

Strategy: The Society will manage the replacement with updates to and advice from Regional District staff.

Overall Financial Impact

The 2019 requisition remains the same as the 2018 requisition at \$30,750.

The requisition was raised from about \$10/parcel to \$15/parcel in 2015, amounting to an increase of \$10,772, to deal with increasing maintenance and operating costs of the hall.

Significant Issues & Trends

Rising costs for insurance, utilities, renovation materials and labour, may cause the goals for future years to be revisited. However, it is also expected that the improvements to the hall and recreation areas will increase community pride in the property and lead to better usage and more fundraising opportunities. The society is conscientious of increasing costs and is strategizing to meet these costs.

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

Goal: Renew the Community Hall Support Agreement with the Forest Grove and District Recreation Society.
- Complete