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2019 Business Plan Electoral Area L Community Halls & Recreation Facility Support Service (1559)

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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 L Community Halls and Recreation Facility Support Service was established through Bylaw No. 4073 in 2006.

The purpose of the service is to provide funds, by means of contribution contracts (January 1, 2017 – December 31, 2021), to support three community halls in Electoral Area L of the South Cariboo. The halls are the Lone Butte Community Hall, the Interlakes Community Complex at Roe Lake, and the Watch Lake Community Hall. Support from this service is directed to the community associations which manage the properties for costs associated with owning and operating the facilities. The funds are to be expended on insurance, utilities and capital improvements. This contribution is in recognition of the important role local halls play in healthy activity and stability within communities.

The service area includes all of Electoral Area L. Requisition is by way of a parcel tax which is applied to a maximum of three parcels per unique owner identifier. The requisition limit may not exceed the greater of \$53,000 or \$0.0995/\$1,000 of assessed value of land and improvements.

As the Electoral Area L 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:** Construct a kitchen addition at the Lone Butte Community Hall.
Rationale: This goal is carried forward from 2018. The kitchen requires more square footage to effectively accommodate community events. The project is consistent with the purpose of the community hall support function.
Strategy: The Lone Butte / Horse Lake Community Association will manage the project with updates to and advice from Regional District staff. The contribution will be used to leverage applicable grant program funding.
- 2. Goal:** Install new windows at the Watch Lake Community Hall.
Rationale: The current windows need to be replaced with more energy efficient windows to reduce heating costs and protect the facility. The project is consistent with the purpose of the community hall support function.
Strategy: The Watch Lake and District Women's Institute and the Watch Lake Green Lake Community Association will manage the project with updates to and advice from Regional District staff.

Overall Financial Impact

The 2019 requisition remains the same as the 2018 requisition at \$81,580.

In 2017, the requisition was raised from \$10/parcel to \$15/parcel, amounting to an increase of approximately \$27,000, to deal with increasing maintenance and operating costs of the halls.

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 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:** Construct a kitchen addition at the Lone Butte Community Hall.
- Deferred until 2019 in favour of driveway expansion, two new outhouses and fencing work.

Goal: Upgrade the floor and sound system at the Watch Lake Community Hall.

- In progress.

Goal: Finish the kitchen upgrade and start construction of an addition at the Interlakes Community Hall.

- The kitchen upgrade is completed. The addition is in progress.