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2019 Business Plan 103 Mile Water (1890)

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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.

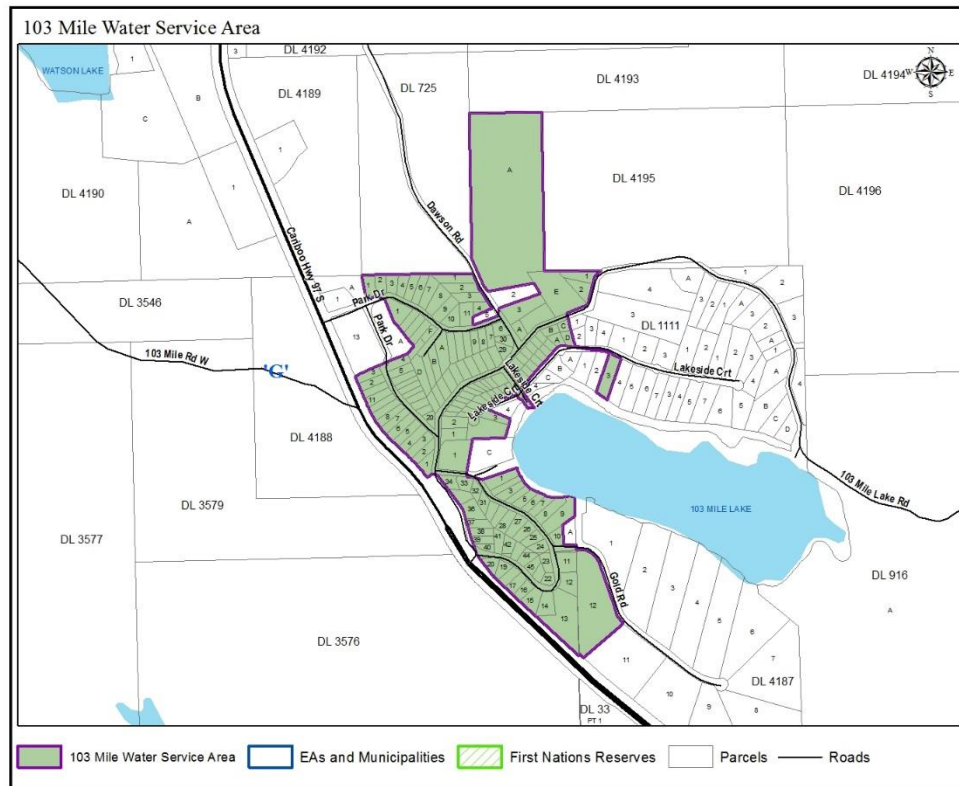
Department/Function Services

- The 103 Mile Water function was established in 2016 and now services 160 land parcels.
- The system is comprised of two wells, a well house, booster station, associated pumps, reservoir and distribution piping.
- The system meets domestic needs only and does not provide water for community fire protection.

The water quantity and quality is tested on a regular basis and adjustments to the system are made as required. Regular inspection and maintenance to the system components is undertaken to ensure continuous operations. As well, new connections are provided to residents as requested.

Operational costs are collected by way of a user fee set at \$300. Taxation is collected by way of a parcel tax initiated in 2017 up to \$148. The 103 Water System Specified Area Establishment and Loan Authorization Bylaw No. 4980 provides function authority.

As Electoral Area G 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 significant goals identified for 2019.

Overall Financial Impact

The 2019 requisition remains the same as the 2018 requisition. The annual user fee of \$300 is projected to be sufficient for the current five-year plan. The projected capital reserve as of December 2018 is \$90,585.

The Board allocated \$180,666 of Community Works Funds for a 1/3 contribution towards system improvements and project funding through MFA has been obtained. Tendered construction costs exceeded the approved budget for the project. In 2017 the Board approved an additional contribution of \$130,000 from Community Works Funds to complete the project.

Significant Issues & Trends

WorkSafe BC has a recent mandate targeting municipalities and regional districts focusing on confined space entry plans, policies and procedures as well as general occupational

health and safety requirements. In response to inspections by Worksafe, hazard assessments were completed for all utilities owned by the Cariboo Regional District to identify all confined space locations and subsequently procedures were developed for each. In order to strictly meet WorkSafe requirements, some of the procedures recommended cannot be implemented with existing infrastructure layout. Staff are currently investigating how other jurisdictions are approaching these requirements and looking for alternative procedures acceptable to WorkSafe.

The Public Sector Accounting Board now requires local governments to report and record tangible capital assets. At some time in the future, local governments may be required to amortize these assets over their useful life.

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: Commissioning of the new pumphouse and wells.

- Several improvements were required for the system including, backup power, two new wells, pump house, electrical controls, disinfection and flow metering. Project completed in spring 2018.