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## **2019 Business Plan Rural Feasibility (1019)**

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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.***

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### **Department/Function Services**

The Rural Feasibility Study function was established to recognize that some services or functions were applicable to the rural areas only. Feasibility study has been provided by legislation to allow regional districts to temporarily access funds to research the feasibility of new functions with the intent that if a new function is established, funds are returned to the rural feasibility study function budget. There is no taxation limitation. Each electoral area participates on the basis of assessed value of land and improvements. Studies should be limited to researching the possibility of a new function or service the regional district is considering.

All rural Electoral Area Directors are responsible for the governance of this service.

### **Business Plan Goals, Rationale & Strategies**

**Goal:** Investigate new services within the rural electoral areas as requested by taxpayers.

**Rationale:** Occasionally taxpayers approach the CRD to investigate new services that they would like to see for their area/community. The cost of the investigation is provided through rural feasibility study with the intention of charging these costs to the new service should they be established.

**Strategy:** Investigate the cost/benefit to rural taxpayers to participate in new services.

### **Overall Financial Impact**

There is no requisition for this function for 2019; sufficient funds remain to support rural feasibility studies.

### **Significant Issues & Trends**

The CRD anticipates that the provincial government will continue to review the type and level of services they are prepared to offer, resulting in the continuation of offloading or downloading of programs and service onto local governments. Also, constituents are requesting that more services be provided by the CRD.

### **Measuring Previous Years Performance**

N/A