



**Date:** 06/11/2018

## **AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY**

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**To:** North Cariboo Rural Directors Caucus

**And To:** John MacLean, Chief Administrative Officer

**From:** Stephanie Masun, Manager of Protective Services

**Date of Meeting:** North Cariboo Rural Directors Caucus\_Nov13\_2018

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### **Short Summary:**

CRD Quesnel Search & Rescue Society Contribution Increase Request

### **Voting:**

Document Description

### **Memorandum:**

The Cariboo Regional District Quesnel Search and Rescue contribution service was established in 2007, by Bylaw No. 4296, by means of an alternative approval process in accordance with Section 801.3 of the Local Government Act.

Electoral Areas A, B, C, and I participate in this service and the Directors of the same electoral areas are responsible for the governance of this service.

Taxation is based on land and improvements. The maximum amount of money that may be requisitioned in any one year, for the service provided, shall not exceed the greater of \$12,250 or an amount raised by applying a tax rate of \$0.0144/\$1,000 to the net taxable value of land and improvements in the service area.

The CRD Quesnel Search and Rescue Society is a group of dedicated volunteers that perform their activities at the request of the RCMP. Some of the things they are trained in include; ground searches, man tracking, evidence searches, swift water search and rescue, steep embankment rescues and river searches.

CRD Quesnel Search and Rescue can demonstrate mounting costs for purchasing and maintaining the equipment and training required to provide this service. While there is some annual provincial grant and support funding directed at training, equipment and other infrastructure to maintain and enhance search and rescue responses, these grants are not intended to provide funding to meet ongoing fixed costs associated with delivering services. It is the obligation of the local search and rescue groups to solicit funding, as needed, to cover off fixed costs.

CRD Quesnel Search and Rescue received \$12,000 in the 2018 budget year through the current contribution service. An increased contribution for the 2019 budget year has been requested by the group to address a noted increase in service delivery cost.

To accommodate Quesnel Search and Rescue's request for an increase to the 2019 budget, the committee could consider an increase within the tax rate and requisition limit up to \$7,000.

**Attachments:**

Quesnel SAR – Letter of Request

**Financial Implications:**

Based on 2018 Revised Roll Assessed Values (most recently available) the maximum allowable tax requisition amount is \$19,000.

**Policy Implications:**

None

**Alignment with Strategic Plan:**

- Ensuring Sufficient and Sustainable Funding
- Building on our Relationships
- Providing Cost Effective High Quality Services
- Focusing on Being Well Governed

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**CAO Comments:**

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**Options:**

- 1) Endorse recommendation;
- 2) Receipt and other action.

**Recommendation:**

That the agenda item summary from Stephanie Masun, Manager of Protective Services, dated November 6, 2018 regarding CRD Quesnel Search & Rescue Society contribution increase request, be received. Further, that the Caucus consider the information provided and advise staff on its decision regarding the increase to the contribution for the 2019 budget year as requested by the Quesnel Search and Rescue Society.