



**Date:** 08/08/2019

## **AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY**

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**To:** Chair and Directors, Cariboo Regional District Board

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

**From:** Alice Johnston, Manager of Corporate Services/Deputy CAO

**Date of Meeting:** Cariboo Regional District Board\_Aug23\_2019

**File:** 3900-20-5236

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### **Short Summary:**

Cariboo Regional District Deka Lake Fire Protection Loan Authorization Bylaw No. 5236, 2019

### **Voting:**

Corporate Vote - Weighted

### **Memorandum:**

The Deka Lake Fire Protection Service has a fire engine that needs to be replaced in 2020. Loan Authorization Bylaw No. 5236 is presented for consideration of three readings so that it may be forwarded to the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing for statutory approval, prior to the Board authorizing a public assent process.

Staff's strong recommendation will be to proceed to an Alternative Approval Process (AAP) rather than referendum, as the costs are significantly less and, in this circumstance, taxes will not need to be increased to accommodate the 10-year borrowing, so strong elector opposition is not likely. The last three AAP's that we conducted, which were the same scenario, yielded zero electors submitting Elector Response Forms in opposition.

### **Attachments:**

Bylaw No. 5236

### **Financial Implications:**

Using 10-year debt financing to purchase the fire engine will reduce near term cashflow pressures, and better align the annual cost of the vehicle with its expected useful life.

### **Policy Implications:**

n/a

### **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:**

Extending the payback period for equipment is the only way we can maintain some semblance of requisition stability. This will be a common theme in many of our fire services. I concur with the recommendation.

**Options:**

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

**Recommendation:**

That the agenda item summary from Alice Johnston, Manager of Corporate Services/Deputy CAO, dated August 8, 2019, regarding Bylaw No. 5236, be received. Further, that Cariboo Regional District Deka Lake Fire Protection Loan Authorization Bylaw No. 5236, 2019 be read a first, second and third time this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of August 2019.