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AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY

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: 3900-20-5237

Short Summary:

Cariboo Regional District Barlow Creek Fire Protection Loan Authorization Bylaw No. 5237, 2019

Voting:

Corporate Vote - Weighted

Memorandum:

The Barlow Creek Fire Protection Service has a fire engine that needs to be replaced in 2020. Loan Authorization Bylaw No. 5237 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. 5237

Financial Implications:

Using 10-year debt financing to purchase the firetruck 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. 5237, be received. Further, that Cariboo Regional District Barlow Creek Fire Protection Loan Authorization Bylaw No. 5237, 2019 be read a first, second and third time this 23rd day of August 2019.