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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_Sep13_2019

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Short Summary:

Request from Director Forseth – Crime Activity in Rural Areas

Voting:

Corporate Vote - Unweighted

Memorandum:

Director Forseth has submitted the following:

“As of the writing of this memorandum – crime has been in the news in Electoral Areas A, D, G and H. In addition, Director Bachmeier has reported issues involving crime in Electoral Area B at a previous Board meeting. As this doesn’t appear to be getting better, I believe the Board should consider meeting with the 3 RCMP Detachment Commanders from 100 Mile House, Williams Lake and Quesnel to discuss the situation at a Regional Level prior to elevating to North District RCMP or elsewhere, given the regional context involved.

My Electoral Area alone in the last two years has had a number of break and enters in the McLeese Lake and Cuisson Lake areas including this past Labour Day long weekend and my residents are quite insistent on installing video cameras in the community plus installing “Crime Watch signs” in the community of McLeese Lake as well... plus the recently publicly reported break and enters & other criminal activities in Electoral Areas G and H which has resulted in two public meetings in Lac La Hache and the calling for a public meeting by the Williams Lake Tribune on the subject of crime in Williams Lake.

However, prior to meeting with the 3 RCMP Detachment Commanders (should the Board determine that to be an appropriate course of action) – the Board should consider strategizing about where it wants to go with the rising crime levels in the Electoral Areas and what course of action to take (perhaps at a Special Committee of the Whole meeting). I’m not totally convinced more rural money (via the Rural Police Tax) at policing is necessarily going to solve the problem, given the service delivery model the RCMP currently uses for policing in the rural areas but we could meet with the local RCMP Detachment Commanders as part of a research

exercise prior to meeting with Ministers or Provincial Senior Staff or Provincial BC RCMP Staff during 2020 including at the September 2020 UBCM Convention in Victoria.”

Attachments:

None

Financial Implications:

N/A

Policy Implications:

N/A

Alignment with Strategic Plan:

- Communication:** Facilitate communication strategies throughout the entire Cariboo Regional District that meet the needs of residents, community stakeholders, and other levels of government.
- Planning:** Intentionally plan services and activities of the CRD to prepare for future needs of residents and community stakeholders.
- Economic Sustainability:** Foster an environment to ensure the economic sustainability of CRD communities and the region.
- Governance:** Ensure that CRD governance policy and practices are intentional, transparent, and respectful.

This request falls outside the scope of the Board’s Strategic Plan.

CAO Comments:

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Options:

- 1) Receipt;
- 2) Receipt and further action;
- 3) Defer.

Recommendation:

That the agenda item summary from Alice Johnston, Manager of Corporate Services/Deputy CAO, dated September 5, 2019, regarding a request from Director Forseth to discuss and possibly take action on the issue of increasing crime in the electoral areas, be received. *Further action at the discretion of the Board.*