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## 2020 Business Plan North Cariboo HandyDart (1038)

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***Working in partnership with communities large and small to offer local, sub-regional, and regional services to ensure that the Cariboo Chilcotin is a socially, economically, and environmentally desirable region.***

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### Department/Function Services

The North Cariboo HandyDart Transit contribution function was established through Bylaw No. 4292 in 2007. This service is delivered by means of a contract, under the Memorandum of Understanding with the City of Quesnel, which provides HandyDart Transit to portions of Electoral Areas A, B, C and I in the greater Quesnel area.

Participants in the service are taxed based on the assessed value of improvements only. A referendum in 2014 increased the maximum requisition to the greater of \$70,000, or \$0.08971/\$1,000 of assessment, to provide a contribution more consistent with the actual local government costs for the service.

The Directors for Electoral Areas A, B, C and I are responsible for the governance of this service.

### Business Plan Goals, Rationale & Strategies

#### 2020 Goals

- Goal:** Contribute to the taxi-saver program for service into rural areas.  
**Rationale:** A taxi-saver program has been re-established as part of the HandyDart service and is of particular benefit for users in rural areas because of the generally longer travel distances.  
**Strategy:** Additional funding is included in the 2020 budget and through the five-year financial plan to support a 50% cost share for the tax-saver service with the city.
- Goal:** Provide an annual breakdown of statistics showing met trips and unmet trips for the HandyDart service.

**Rationale:** Tracking met trips and unmet trips will determine if the service is adequately meeting the needs of clients and users.

**Strategy:** The statistics will be obtained from the operators, the City of Quesnel and BC Transit and provided to Regional District staff.

### **Overall Financial Impact**

The 2020 requisition is increased by \$9,500 from the 2019 requisition to \$67,500 to cost share the taxi-saver service with the City of Quesnel and BC Transit. An increase of 1.5% per year is included through the rest of the five-year plan to account for inflation in the contribution agreement with the city.

The 2019 requisition was increased by 3.4% from the 2018 requisition.

Under the Memorandum of Understanding with the City of Quesnel, the contract value to deliver services for this function will increase by the Consumer Price Index (CPI) as of September 30th each year. This increase will be limited by the maximum requisition possible for the function as defined by the service establishment bylaw.

### **Significant Issues & Trends**

HandyDart ridership was steady throughout the year, but highly dependent on repeated use by individuals requiring service. In 2019, rides to the end of August totaled 4,683, a decrease of approximately 6% from the same period in 2018, and with 13 unmet trips.

The Cariboo Regional District is a signatory on the Province of BC/UBCM Climate Action Charter and has committed to continuing work towards carbon neutrality in respect of corporate operations.

### **Measuring Previous Years Performance**

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