



building communities together

2020 Business Plan Quesnel Regional Airport Contribution Service (1114)

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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.

Department/Function Services

The Quesnel Regional Airport contribution function was established through Bylaw No. 5151 in 2018 following a referendum of the participating electoral areas. The purpose of the function is to provide a contribution to the City of Quesnel to support operation of the Quesnel Regional Airport in recognition that the residents and businesses across the North Cariboo receive economic and social benefits from the airport.

The funding is provided through a three-year contribution agreement with the City (2019-2021). The agreement is limited to direct operating costs at the airport and does not include funding for capital projects at this time.

To enable input into airport operations, the City has established an Airport Advisory Committee with representation from elected officials from the Regional District and the City as well as key airport stakeholders.

Participants in the service are Electoral Areas A, B, C and I, which are taxed based on the assessed value of land and improvements. The maximum requisition is the greater of \$90,000 or \$0.0682/\$1,000 of assessment.

Business Plan Goals, Rationale & Strategies

2020 Goal

Goal: Participate in the semi-annual meetings of the Airport Advisory Committee.

Rationale: The advisory committee provides an opportunity for review of and input to airport operations, with an objective to make recommendations to City Council for the management of airport operating costs and maximizing of airport revenues.

Strategy: The Regional District Board will make an appointment to the advisory committee from the participating electoral area directors upon recommendation from the North Cariboo Rural Directors Caucus.

Overall Financial Impact

The 2020 requisition is reduced by \$6,159 from the 2019 requisition to \$70,000. The 2019 requisition was raised so that repayment of feasibility funds could be made for referendum costs to establish the new function.

The requisition is maintained at \$70,000 annually over the five-year financial plan.

Significant Issues & Trends

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

The 2019 goal to enter into a contribution agreement with the City of Quesnel to support airport operations was completed.