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2020 Business Plan Wildwood Sewer (1773)

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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.

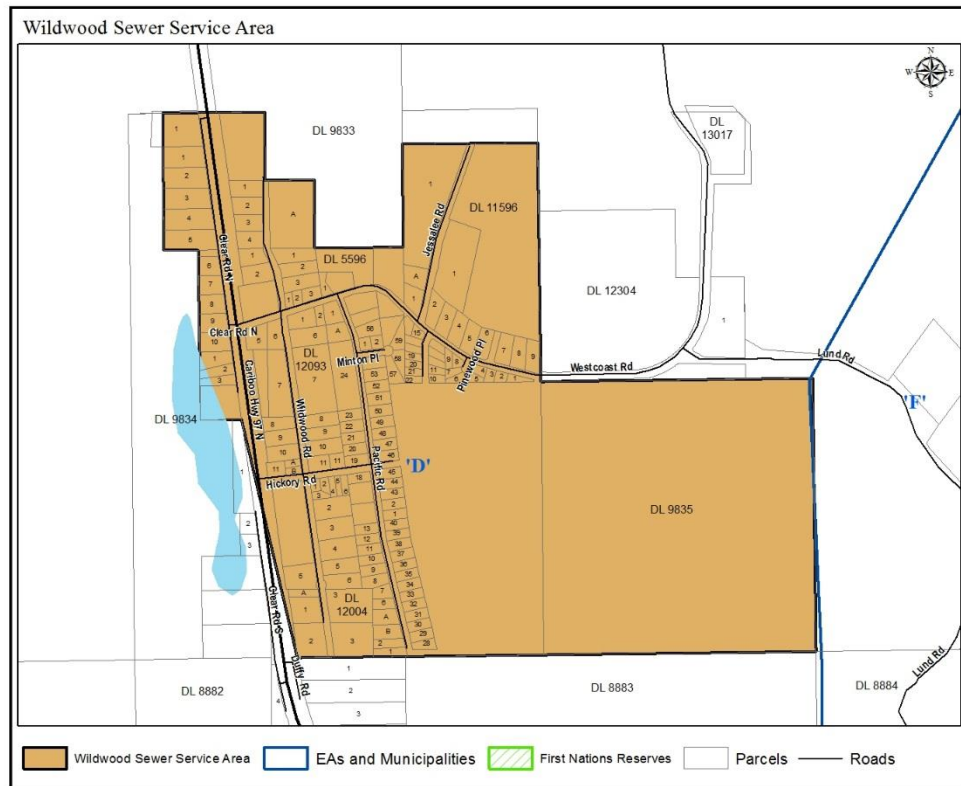
Department/Function Services

- The Wildwood Sewer function was established in 1979 and now services approximately 195 land parcels.
- The system is comprised of sewage aeration lagoons, two lift stations and associated sewer piping.
- Regular inspection and maintenance to system components is undertaken to ensure continuous operations.

Taxation is collected by way of a parcel tax set at \$94 and has been unchanged since 1999. A variable rate user fee of \$127 had been unchanged since 1998. In 2017 the user fee was increased to \$200. Function authority is provided by the Wildwood Specified Area Sewer Management Bylaw No. 2141.

A new lift station and backup power supply was added in 2013, capital cost \$253,000.

As Electoral Area D is the only stakeholder, and the *Local Government Act* requires more than one vote, the entire Board is responsible for the governance of this service.



Business Plan Goals, Objectives & Strategies

Goal: Vegetation control/removal from aeration lagoons.

Rationale: Ministry of Environment inspection of the facility identified need for removal of vegetation from the aeration lagoons and berms.

Strategy: Tender contract for vegetation removal and disposal.

Overall Financial Impact

The 2020 requisition remains the same as the 2019 requisition.

The projected capital reserve as of December 2019 is \$57,354. Residential user fees and parcel taxes for the sewer system are currently set at \$294 per year. Operating reserves had been declining; however, with the 2017 user rate increase the budget should continue to be sustainable for the next five years.

Significant Issues & Trends

WorkSafe BC has a recent mandate targeting municipalities and regional districts focusing on confined space entry plans, policies and procedures as well as general occupational

health and safety requirements. In response to inspections by Worksafe, hazard assessments were completed for all utilities owned by the Cariboo Regional District to identify all confined space locations and subsequently procedures were developed for each. In order to strictly meet WorkSafe requirements, some of the procedures recommended cannot be implemented with existing infrastructure layout. Staff are currently investigating how other jurisdictions are approaching these requirements and looking for alternative procedures acceptable to WorkSafe.

The Public Sector Accounting Board now requires local governments to report and record tangible capital assets. At some time in the future local governments may be required to amortize these assets over their useful life.

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

No significant goals identified in 2019.