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## **2020 Business Plan Benjamin Water (1887)**

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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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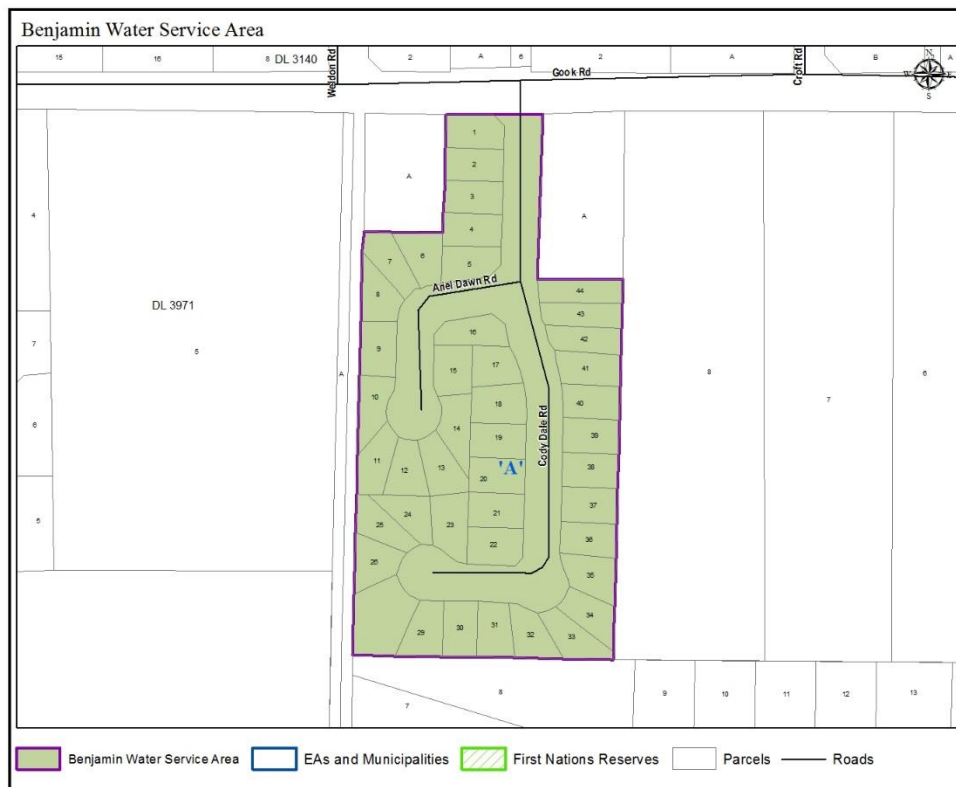
### **Department/Function Services**

- The Cariboo Regional District acquired the Benjamin water system effective January 1, 2019.
- The system is comprised of a groundwater well, a pump house, associated pumps, reservoir and distribution piping that services 43 parcels.
- The system meets domestic needs only and does not provide water for community fire protection.

Capital improvements planned for 2019, following acquisition, were a backup generator, pumphouse roof repairs, monitoring/alarm system and a new well pump. Service line replacement is proposed for 2020.

Operational costs are collected by way of a user fee set at \$350 per year. Taxation will be collected by way of an annual parcel tax of \$165, to begin in 2019. The Benjamin Water Service Establishment Bylaw No. 5127 and Benjamin Water Loan Authorization Bylaw No. 5128 provide function authority.

As Electoral Area A 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, Rationale & Strategies

### 2020 Goal

**Goal:** Completion of required system improvements.

**Rationale:** Several improvements are required for the system including a new backup generator, pump house roof shingles, remote monitoring/alarm system, new well pump/casing extension and service line replacement.

**Strategy:** Complete required improvements in 2020. (Carried forward from 2019)

### Overall Financial Impact

The annual user fee of \$350 per year is projected to be sufficient for the current five-year plan; however, the operating budget will need to be reviewed following operation of the system for the first year. The projected capital reserve as of December 2019 is \$500. An annual reserve contribution of \$500 is anticipated.

The Board allocated \$39,000 of Community Works Funds for a 1/3 contribution towards system improvements, and approval for project funding via petition to borrow through MFA was obtained.

## **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.