



**Date:** 06/11/2019

**To:** Chair and Directors, Policy Committee

**And To:** John MacLean, Chief Administrative Officer

**From:** Alice Johnston, Manager of Corporate Services/Deputy CAO

**Date of Meeting:** Policy Committee\_Nov14\_2019

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## Short Summary:

Amendment to Public Budget Consultation Meeting Policy

## Voting:

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## Memorandum:

Staff suggest a small amendment to the Board's existing Public Budget Consultation Meeting Policy to add an option for extra public engagement for specific budgets that have a substantial increase that the taxpayers may not be expecting. The draft amendment is attached to this item and the additional text is shown in red font for ease of reference. This amendment reflects the steps that the CRD undertook last year when there were some budgets with additional increases over the expected percentage.

## Attachments:

Draft amendment.

## Financial Implications:

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## Policy Implications:

This item proposes an amendment to an existing policy.

## 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.

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### **CAO Comments:**

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### **Options:**

- 1) Endorse amended policy;
- 2) Receipt and request amendments;
- 3) Receipt only;
- 4) Defer.

### **Recommendation:**

That the agenda item summary from Alice Johnston, Manager of Corporate Services/Deputy CAO, dated November 6, 2019, regarding an amendment to Policy #2015-7-66 (Public Budget Consultation Meeting Policy) to provide an option for further public engagement for specific budgets that experience a significant increase, be received. Further, that the policy amendment be endorsed as presented.