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**To:** Chair and Directors, Cariboo Regional District Board

**And To:** Choose an item.

**From:** John MacLean, Chief Administrative Officer

**Date of Meeting:** Cariboo Regional District Board\_Jul10\_2020

**File:** Maple Drive Streetlighting

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## Short Summary:

Cariboo Regional District Maple Drive Streetlighting Service Establishment Bylaw No. 5280, 2020

## Voting:

Corporate Vote - Unweighted

## Memorandum:

As the Board is aware we have been working on a proposal to install streetlights along the Maple Drive corridor. The Board has previously approved feasibility funds for this project.

We have gathered the necessary information (costing from BC Hydro being the largest component) and presented that information to the community at a public meeting held earlier this year. At that meeting there was general support for the project as well as an interest in sharing the costs across a larger tax base. It was our intention to go back to the community in another public meeting. Those intentions were interrupted by the COVID-19 pandemic.

In the interest of moving forward we commissioned a survey across a larger area. We were very pleased with the response rate as well as the general expression of support. We have attached a copy of the results of that survey to this agenda item summary. In order to have any hope for light installation in 2021 we need to move this project forward.

We are presenting the proposed service establishment bylaw for three readings. After third reading we will ask for Provincial approval, and then would proceed to the required elector assent. Our options for gaining elector assent are:

- Referendum (approval is at 50%+1 of the votes cast)
- Petition (approval is 50% of the parcels covered, representing at least 50% of the assessment)
- Alternative Approval Process (The Board will be able to proceed unless 10% of the electorate sign and send in forms indicating their opposition)

We would propose that once we have Provincial approval, that the Board direct us to proceed with Elector Assent via the Alternative Approval Process.

As the Board is aware this is the process in which we advise the relevant electorate that the Board intends to adopt the bylaw unless 10% of the electorate indicate their opposition. At that point the Board would have the option to proceed to a referendum. We intend to mail out the necessary forms to all properties in the proposed area as well as making them available to the area via our website. They will also be made available at our offices as soon as we are open to the public.

### **Attachments:**

- Bylaw 5280 with map
- Financial Implication Report
- Results of the Survey

### **Financial Implications:**

The financial implications report is attached.

It should be noted that Director Sjostrom has advocated for this project and was able to secure funding for the capital portion of this project (estimated at \$12,000) from ICBC.

As the Board is likely aware all costs associated with the establishment of this service, including the costs of gaining assent, will be borne by the service area should the Board ultimately establish the service.

### **Policy Implications:**

This process is consistent with Board policies and practices. We are aware that there is some general reluctance to proceed with service establishment through the Alternative Approval Process due to criticism received in the past. In this case, and in light of the restrictions we deal with due to the pandemic, we feel that the public meeting, and follow up survey have provided us with some confidence in the level of community support for this project. We are comfortable proceeding with the Alternative Approval process in this case.

### **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 recommendations;
2. Receipt only;
3. Deferral.

### **Recommendation:**

**#1:** That the agenda item summary from John M. MacLean, CAO, dated July 9, 2020, presenting Cariboo Regional District Maple Drive Streetlighting Service Establishment Bylaw No. 5280, 2020, be received. Further, that Cariboo Regional District Maple Drive Streetlighting Service Establishment Bylaw No. 5280, 2020 be read a first, second and third time this 10<sup>th</sup> day of July 2020.

**#2:** That the Board approve the Alternative Approval Process being utilized to gain the assent of the electors for the adoption of Cariboo Regional District Maple Drive Streetlighting Service Establishment Bylaw No. 5280, 2020, with the final details to be determined once we have the required approval of the Inspector of Municipalities.