



**Date:** 12/08/2020

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

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

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

**Date of Meeting:** Cariboo Regional District Board\_Aug21\_2020

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## Short Summary:

Request from Director Forseth – Review of RCMP Strength in Electoral Areas D, E, F, and K

## Voting:

Corporate Vote - Unweighted

## Memorandum:

Director Forseth has submitted the following for the Board's consideration:

### **PURPOSE:**

*To propose to the Board that it authorize a letter being sent to the Honourable Mike Farnworth, BC's Minister of Public Safety/Solicitor-General formally requesting a review of the currently authorized Provincial RCMP officer strength for Electoral Areas D,E,F and K of the Regional District serviced by the Williams Lake RCMP*

### **BACKGROUND/DISCUSSION:**

*Last September, the Board discussed the crime issues besieging several Electoral Areas in the Regional District including Areas D and G as examples. Following that discussion at Tatla Lake – At the June 19<sup>th</sup> Board Meeting – the Board received presentations from the Detachment Commanders for the 100 Mile House, Williams Lake and Quesnel RCMP on the challenges facing these 3 RCMP Detachments*

*Since then, my Electoral Area continues to have issues around speeding at McLeese Lake/Wildwood and a constant prolific offender issue at McLeese Lake causing theft issues which is greatly frustrating this unincorporated community*

*In my opinion, it is time (as I don't recall this being done previously all the way back to 2003 when rural taxpayers were required to contribute, in part, to rural policing costs) to review the rural police strength, based on calls for service & crime data over the last few years for CRD Areas D,E,F,K. Areas E,F, a portion of Area K plus the vast majority of Area D currently receive police service from the Williams Lake RCMP*

*My Electoral Area also receives service from the Quesnel RCMP but this is limited to the communities of McAllister and Marguerite but I have not, to date, heard any crime or community safety concerns from these two unincorporated communities in my Electoral Area*

**RECOMMENDATION:**

*That a letter be forwarded to the Hon. Mike Farnworth formally requesting a review of authorized police strength for Cariboo RD Areas D,E,F,K from the Williams Lake RCMP in 2021 to ensure crime data and calls for service for these Electoral Areas align with appropriate police strength for the aforementioned Electoral Areas...*

**Attachments:**

None

**Financial Implications:**

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**Policy Implications:**

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**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) Receipt
- 2) Receipt and other action
- 3) Defer

**Recommendation:**

That the agenda item summary from Alice Johnston, Manager of Corporate Services/Deputy CAO, dated August 12, 2020, regarding a request from Director Forseth for a formal request being submitted to the Ministry of Public Safety and Solicitor General to review the current

RCMP strength provided in Electoral Areas D, E, F and K of the CRD, be received. *Further action at the discretion of the Board.*