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2021 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 Services

- The Cariboo Regional District (CRD) owns and operates the Wildwood Community Sewer System.

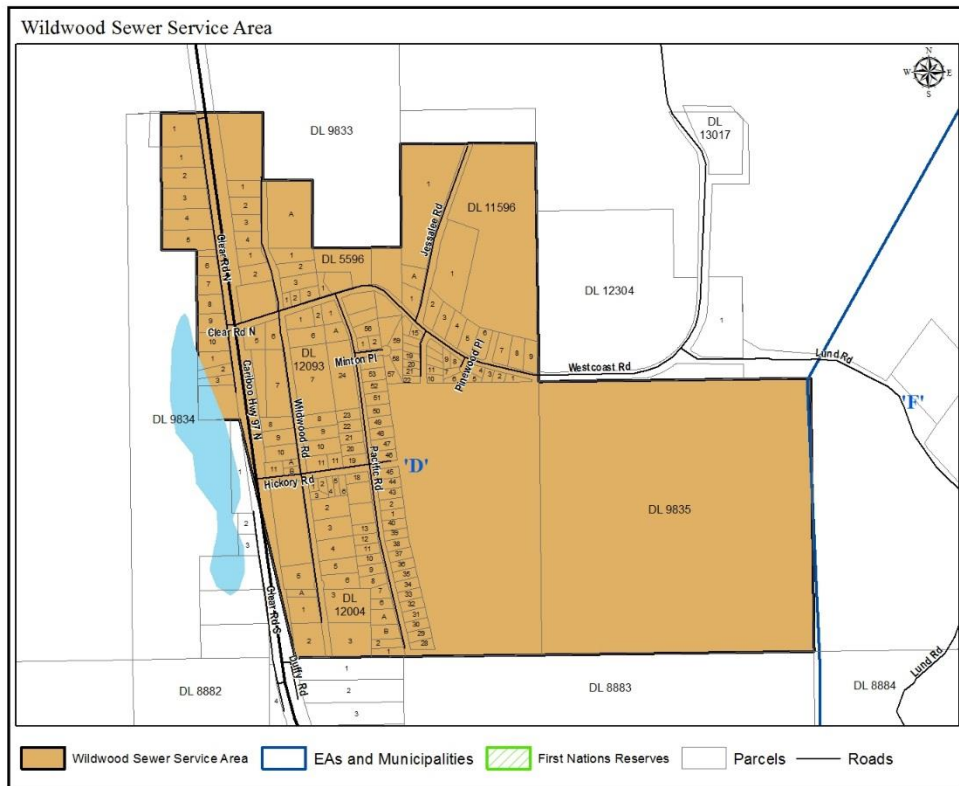
Background Information

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

Operations

Taxation is collected by way of an annual parcel tax currently set at \$108 and an annual variable rate user fee currently set at \$127. Function authority is provided by the Wildwood Specified Area Sewer Management Bylaw No. 2141.

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.



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.

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 projected capital reserve as of December 2020 is \$70,722. Residential annual user fees and parcel taxes for the sewer system are currently set at \$294 per year.