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2021 Business Plan Alexis Creek Sewer (1774)

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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 Alexis Creek Community Sewer System.

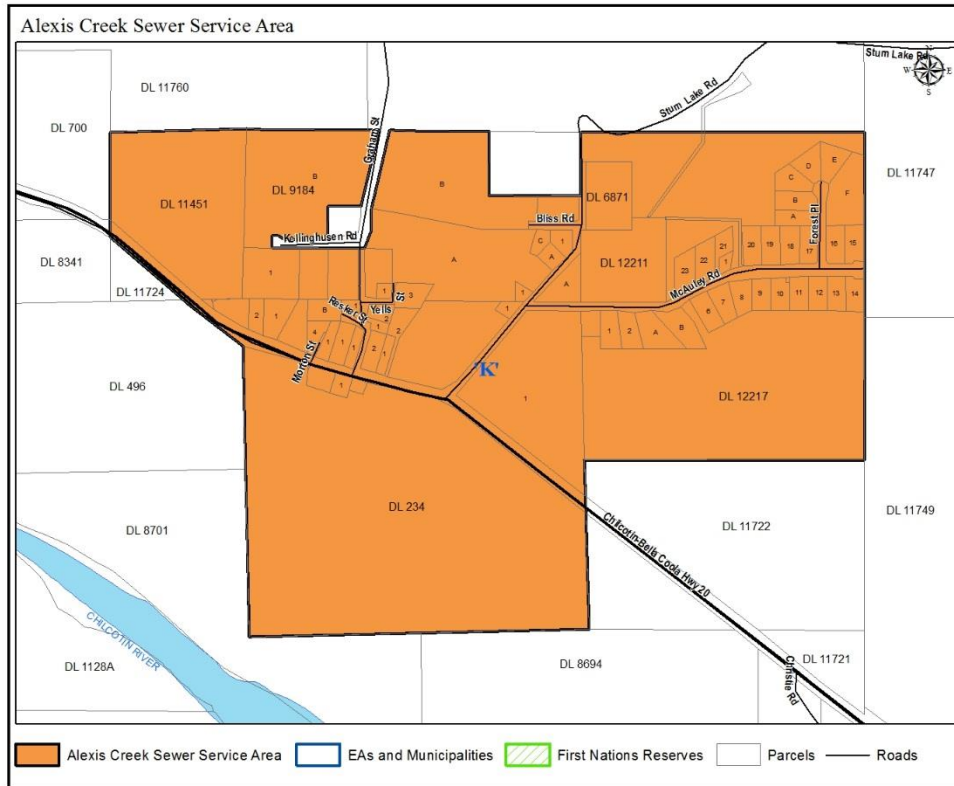
Background Information

- The Alexis Creek Sewer function was established in 1982 and now services 55 land parcels.
- The gravity system is comprised of sewer mains, manholes, and an aerated lagoon. Regular inspection and maintenance to system components is undertaken to ensure continuous operations.

Operations

Operational costs are collected by way of a variable rate user fee set at \$113 and has been unchanged since 1999. Function authority is provided by the Alexis Creek Specified Area Sewer Management Bylaw No. 2240.

As Electoral Area K 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.

Future revenues are projected to decline as the Ministry of Forests has removed several trailers from the system. Current surplus funds can be used for the next few years to offset lost revenue.

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 2019 is \$318,637. The current user fees provide adequate funds to operate the function. The existing user fees should be sustainable for the next five years at which time a review should be undertaken.