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## **2021 Business Plan South Cariboo Transit Service (1028)**

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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.***

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### **Department/Function Services**

The South Cariboo Transit Service function was established through Bylaw No. 3282 in 1997.

This service is provided by means of a contract with the District of 100 Mile House. The contract is based on ridership from a local service area, which is a portion of Electoral Area G in the 108 Mile Ranch and Lac La Hache areas. Under the terms of the contract, the Regional District pays 50 percent of the net municipal cost of the service. The current contract has a three-year term from 2020-2023.

Requisition is by way of a parcel tax. The maximum requisition is \$25,000 or \$0.14/\$1,000 of assessment.

As the Electoral Area G Director 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.

### **Business Plan Goals, Rationale & Strategies**

**Goal:** Request that the District of 100 Mile House and BC Transit consider expanding transit service to Electoral Area L of the south Cariboo.

**Rationale:** An aging demographic in rural areas is often looking for public transportation options to access central community services, such as retail and healthcare.

**Strategy:** A request letter will be sent to the District of 100 Mile House as the holder of the local transit system operating agreement with BC Transit. Any transit route expansion will have to be considered in the context of the resources available to the current local system, including rolling stock and revenue-generating service hours.

### **Overall Financial Impact**

In 2021, the requisition is raised by 4.5%, amounting to an increase of \$2,412 for a total requisition of \$56,006.

The 2021–2025 requisitions are projected to increase by 4.5% per year in order to accommodate financial projections received from BC Transit, which include significant cost increases for lease fees on replacement vehicles.

### **Significant Issues & Trends**

In the challenging times of the global COVID-19 pandemic, the transit service developed safety plans in order to continue to be available. It is unknown at this time if this will continue and to what extent into 2021.

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.

### **Measuring Previous Years Performance**

**Goal:** Review the contract with the District of 100 Mile House for the provision of transit services to the District of 100 Mile House and a specified portion of Electoral Area G.

- Completed. The agreement is renewed at same terms and conditions as the previous agreement.

### **Other Accomplishments**

A transit feasibility study by BC Transit, for service to Lone Butte and Forest Grove, was initiated in 2014 and completed in March 2015. It was determined that the service is not cost effective and will not be pursued.