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2022 Business Plan Electoral Area F Community Halls Support Service (1561)

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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/Function Services

The Electoral Area F Community Halls Support Service was established through Bylaw No. 4259 in 2007.

The purpose of the service is to provide funds, by means of contribution contracts (January 1, 2018 - December 31, 2022), to support five community halls in Electoral Area F of the central Cariboo. The halls are the Miocene Community Hall, 150 Mile House Community Hall, Big Lake Community Hall, Likely Community Hall and Horsefly Community Hall. Support from this service is directed to the community associations which manage the properties for costs associated with owning and operating the facilities. The funds are to be expended on insurance, utilities and capital improvements. This contribution is in recognition of the important role the local halls play in the stability and healthy activity within communities.

The service area includes all of Electoral Area F. Requisition is by way of a parcel tax which is applied to a maximum of two parcels per unique owner identifier. The requisition limit may not exceed the greater of \$50,000 or \$0.1131/\$1,000 of assessed value of land and improvements.

As the Electoral Area F 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

2022 Goals

- 1. Goal:** Review the Community Hall Contribution Agreement with the 150 Mile House Community Association, Big Lake Community Association, Horsefly Community Club, Likely and District Chamber of Commerce, and Miocene Community Club.

Rationale: The current five-year agreement expires on December 31, 2022.

Strategy: The agreement will be renewed if there are no material changes.
- 2. Goal:** Investigate feasibility and possibly install photo-voltaic solar panels on one or more of the community halls.

Rationale: Solar panel technology has matured in recent years and can significantly reduce utility costs and carbon output for community groups.

Strategy: The participating community groups will manage the project with updates to and advice from Regional District staff. Funding for the project is included in the function capital plan and would utilize Cariboo Regional District Community Works Funds.
- 3. Goal:** Perform maintenance on the siding at the Big Lake Community Hall.

Rationale: A few pieces of the siding have holes from birds and need to be replaced. The project is consistent with the purpose of the community hall support function.

Strategy: The Big Lake Community Association will manage the project with updates to and advice from Regional District staff.

Overall Financial Impact

The 2022 requisition remains the same as the 2021 requisition at \$50,133. Requisition is by way of a parcel tax of about \$16 per parcel applied to a maximum of two parcels.

Significant Issues & Trends

The COVID-19 pandemic resulted in significant challenges for operation of the community halls and resulted in event cancellations and lower rental revenue. It is unknown at this time if this will continue and to what extent into 2022.

Rising costs for insurance, utilities, renovation materials and labour may cause the goals for future years to be revisited. However, it is also expected that the improvements to the hall and recreation areas will increase community pride in the property and lead to better usage and more fundraising opportunities.

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: Complete additional works to the Horsefly Community Hall kitchen
- Expected to be completed by year end.

Goal: Perform upgrades and repairs to the deck and railing at the Big Lake Community Hall.
- Completed.