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2022 Business Plan Bylaw Enforcement Services (1006)

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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

Bylaw enforcement was established as a function of the Cariboo Regional District in 1992 due to the increasing number of bylaw infraction complaints being received, and the need for continuity in the enforcement process. The service is provided to all electoral areas and is funded through taxation, based on land and improvements.

Bylaw enforcement was established as part of the Letters Patent that gave the Regional District the responsibility for Community Planning (Supplementary Letters Patent 5).

Services provided by the department include:

- Taking and registering complaints from the public, staff and area directors;
- Investigating complaints for validity;
- Enforcing Cariboo Regional District bylaws for compliance; and
- Negotiating compliance agreements with violators.

All Electoral Area Directors are responsible for the governance of this service.

Business Plan Goals, Rationale & Strategies

2022 Goal

Goal: Coordinated enforcement to assist other CRD departments.

Rationale: The Board provided direction to staff that the solid waste, water, weeds and building inspection bylaws should be actively enforced. Bylaw has also proven to be extremely valuable during EOC activations as a member of the EOC and for drone flights of hazardous areas.

Strategy: Coordinate with all departments as required by reviewing current procedures and desired end states to ensure effective implementation.

Overall Financial Impact

The 2022 requisition remains unchanged from the 2021 level.

Significant Issues & Trends

The goals listed are a result of the Board providing direction to staff regarding priorities for bylaw enforcement in the CRD. The Bylaw Enforcement department has made significant change to partner with the Environmental Services and the Building Inspection departments. Complaints will continue to drive the bylaw enforcement actions for the remaining bylaws. The Bylaw Enforcement department has put increased emphasis on proactive enforcement on noted bylaws as directed by the Board.

Bylaw Enforcement has been working in conjunction with Building Services and Development Services to clear out all outstanding files from previous years to reduce administrative backlog and provide a better understanding of how improvements in service can be obtained. The majority of complaints and bylaw contraventions continue to relate to unsightly premises, land-use and zoning matters, building permit infractions and barking dogs. Bylaw Enforcement utilized legal services for select files as per procedure and initiated further legal action for select files as directed by the Board. However, Bylaw Enforcement strives to provide education before enforcement.

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. The department has endeavored to reduce emissions by implementing a mobile workstation for the Officer to reduce travel to and from the office and selecting a vehicle with good fuel efficiency.