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2023 Business Plan Electoral Area L Community Halls & Recreation Facility Support Service (1559)

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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 L Community Halls and Recreation Facility Support Service was established through Bylaw No. 4073 in 2006.

The purpose of the service is to provide funds, by means of contribution contracts (January 1, 2022 – December 31, 2026), to support three community halls in Electoral Area L of the South Cariboo. The halls are the Lone Butte Community Hall, the Interlakes Community Complex at Roe Lake, and the Watch Lake 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 local halls play in healthy activity and stability within communities.

The service area includes all Electoral Area L. Requisition is by way of a parcel tax which is applied to a maximum of three parcels per unique owner identifier. The requisition limit may not exceed the greater of \$53,000 or \$0.0995/\$1,000 of assessed value of land and improvements.

As the Electoral Area L 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

2023 Goals

- 1. 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.
- 2. Goal:** Upgrade the parking lot at the Watch Lake Community Hall.
Rationale: The parking lot experiences numerous ruts and mud throughout the year and requires upgrading. The project is consistent with the purpose of the community hall support function.
Strategy: The Watch Lake and District Women's Institute and the Watch Lake Green Lake Community Association will manage the project with updates to and advice from Regional District staff.
- 3. Goal:** Complete the new playground and outdoor pickle ball courts at the Interlakes Community Complex.
Rationale: Investments such as playground equipment and pickle ball courts can help attract new users of the complex. The project is consistent with the purpose of the community hall support function.
Strategy: The Roe Lake and District Recreation Commission will manage the project with updates to and advice from Regional District staff.
- 4. Goal:** Install electrical service into the new storage container at the Lone Butte Community Hall.
Rationale: Electrical service will increase the utility of the container that was installed in 2022. The project is consistent with the purpose of the community hall support function.
Strategy: The Lone Butte / Horse Lake Community Association will manage the project with updates to and advice from Regional District staff.

Overall Financial Impact

The 2023 requisition remains the same as the 2022 requisition at \$81,580. Requisition is by way of a parcel tax of about \$15 per parcel.

Significant Issues & Trends

Revenues and operations have recovered from COVID-19 and are expected to stabilize to pre-pandemic levels in 2023.

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: Install new cabinets at the Watch Lake Community Hall.

- Completed.

Goal: Complete the new playground and construct two outdoor pickle ball courts at the Interlakes Community Complex.

- Partially completed. Remaining project work will be carried forward into 2023.

Goal: The far end of the parking lot needs to be upgraded at the Lone Butte Community Hall.

- Cancelled in favour of other priorities, including installation of a c-can.