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2023 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, 2023 - December 31, 2027), 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 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

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.

Overall Financial Impact

The 2023 requisition is increased by approximately \$25,000 to \$75,000 from the 2022 requisition. The increase is necessary to assist with rising costs for insurance and utilities at the community halls. Requisition is by way of a parcel tax of about \$25 per parcel applied to a maximum of two parcels.

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: 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.

- Completed. The agreement will be renewed for another five-year term with a contribution increase to \$12,500 to each hall annually for the first three years and \$15,000 to each hall annually for the remaining two years.

Goal: Investigate feasibility and possibly install photo-voltaic solar panels on one or more of the community halls.

- Completed. Installation of solar panels is planned for Big Lake Community Hall, Likely Community Hall and potentially for Miocene Community Hall.

Goal: Perform upgrades to the siding at the Big Lake Community Hall.

- Completed. The siding was removed and replaced.