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# 2023 Business Plan Quesnel-Hixon Subdivision Erosion Protection Works Service (1390)

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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 Quesnel-Hixon Subdivision Erosion Protection Works Service was established in 2012 by Bylaw No. 4754 following a petition deemed valid and sufficient. The bylaw established the service within portions of Electoral Area B for the purpose of providing erosion protection works in the Quesnel-Hixon Subdivision. Taxation for this function is collected on the basis of parcel tax only as imposed by Parcel Tax Roll Bylaw No. 5165 (2018). The parcel tax of one thousand dollars (\$1,000) per parcel per year is the taxation imposed for the provision of this service.

As the Director for Electoral Area B 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: To terminate the service.

**Rationale:** The erosion protection infrastructure associated with this service area was assessed in 2022 and found to be intact and continuing to provide adequate erosion protection to the associated properties. The infrastructure is not required to be licensed under the water sustainability act, nor are there any remaining obligations to, or agreements with, other parties requiring sustained communication or responsibility for monitoring and maintaining these structures.

**Strategy:** Follow required service termination procedures and return unused funds to service area participants.



### **Overall Financial Impact**

The requisition level has remained the same throughout the five-year financial plan. The annual cost of this service for each parcel is significant; however, the works were installed as CRD emergency operations as the only viable option for protecting the properties, and at the request of the property owners. An agreement was entered into with the provincial government to maintain the erosion protection works for a 10-year period which ended in 2022.

The intention is to eliminate the accrued surplus and to return the unused funds to the property owners upon termination of the service.