

2023 Business Plan Alexis Creek Sewer (1774)

building communities together

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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 Services**

• The Cariboo Regional District (CRD) owns and operates the Alexis Creek Community Sewer System.

### **Background Information**

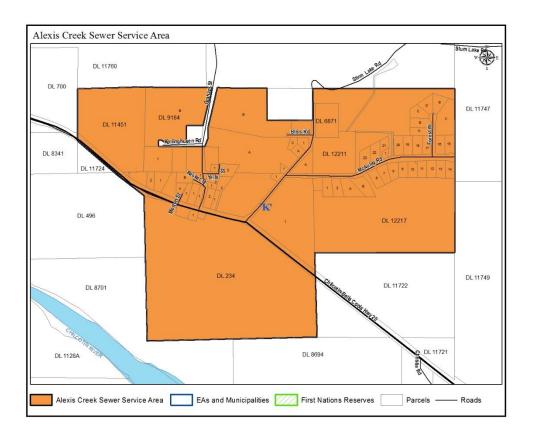
- The Alexis Creek Sewer function was established in 1982 and now services 55 land parcels.
- The gravity system is comprised of sewer mains, manholes, and an aerated lagoon. Regular inspection and maintenance to system components is undertaken to ensure continuous operations.

### Operations

Function authority is provided by the Alexis Creek Specified Area Sewer Management Bylaw No. 2240.

Bylaw 5367 authorizes the CRD to cover the costs of the service by way of taxation of assessed property, parcel tax and user fees.

As Electoral Area K 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.



### Significant Issues & Trends

The Public Sector Accounting Board now requires local governments to report and record tangible capital assets. At some time in the future local governments may be required to amortize these assets over their useful life.

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.

Future revenues are projected to decline as the Ministry of Forests has removed several trailers from the system. Current surplus funds can be used for the next few years to offset lost revenue.

### **Business Plan Goals, Objectives & Strategies**

- Goal: Upgrade SCADA.
  Rationale: Improve work productivity.
  Strategy: Upgrade (SCADA) Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition.
- Goal: Undertake Capital Improvements.
  Rationale: Improvements are required to ensure continuous operations by replacing/repairing aging infrastructure.
  Strategy: Undertake the following improvements:
  - Sewer mainline replacement, flushing and cleaning.
  - Manhole replacement.
  - Remove growth surrounding lagoons.
  - Replace Aerator / Compressor at lagoon site.

## **Overall Financial Impact**

The projected capital reserve as of December 2022 is \$321,646.

No parcel tax is currently being collected for this location.

The current residential user fee is \$130/year and will increase to \$143 for 2023 to match the growing needs of this service and inflation.