

Date: 23/01/2023

To: Chair and Directors, Cariboo Regional District Board

And To: Brian Carruthers, Interim Chief Administrative Officer

From: Peter Hughes, Manager of Environmental Services

Date of Meeting: Cariboo Regional District Board_Feb24_2023

File: 5600-01

Short Summary:

Tatla Lake Community Water- Request for Assistance

Voting:

Corporate Vote - Unweighted

Memorandum:

In December 2021, the Board approved \$23,000 of Rural Feasibility Reserve Funding, towards the preliminary analysis of a potable water solution for the residents of Tatla Lake. The CRD retained Western Water Associates Ltd to undertake a groundwater feasibility assessment for the area. In summary, the assessment identified two potential drilling locations where water quality and quantity may be available to supply the community. The report does caution that there are significant risks and the required water quality and quantity may not be realized. Cost estimates for well drilling and associated well testing range between \$80,000 and \$100,000.

Attachments:

1. Groundwater Feasibility Assessment for the Tatla Lake Community

Financial Implications:

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Policy Implications:

n/a

Alignment with Strategic Plan:

- ☐ **Communication:** Facilitate communication strategies throughout the entire Cariboo Regional District that meet the needs of residents, community stakeholders, and other levels of government.
- ☒ **Planning:** Intentionally plan services and activities of the CRD to prepare for future needs of residents and community stakeholders.

- ☐ **Economic Sustainability:** Foster an environment to ensure the economic sustainability of CRD communities and the region.
- ☐ **Governance:** Ensure that CRD governance policy and practices are intentional, transparent, and respectful.

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Options:

1. Receipt only;
2. Receipt and other action;
3. Defer.

Recommendation:

That the agenda item summary from Peter Hughes, dated January 23, 2023, with attached Tatla Lake community groundwater feasibility assessment, be received. *Further action at the discretion of the Board.*