



Date: 15/03/2023

To: Chair and Directors, Cariboo Regional District Board

And To: Brian Carruthers, Interim Chief Administrative Officer

From: Alice Johnston, Manager of Corporate Services/Deputy CAO

Date of Meeting: Cariboo Regional District Board_Mar24_2023

File: 4210-20-23-01

Short Summary:

North Cariboo Recreation Referendum

Voting:

Corporate Vote - Unweighted

Memorandum:

In January 2023, the Board approved the following recommendation from the North Cariboo Joint Advisory Committee:

That staff proceed with additional Quesnel and District Arts and Recreation Centre pool upgrade referendum public consultation, to include the tax ramifications for a pool upgrade with a waterslide;

Further, that staff proceed with a June, 2023 referendum for a Quesnel and District Arts and Recreation Centre pool upgrade with a waterslide.

Further, that approval of the referendum be subject to funds being approved in the budget.

In accordance with the above, the bylaws are presented on today's agenda for consideration of three readings, and the next steps in proceeding to referendum may be taken as outlined in the recommendations below.

Attachments:

n/a

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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CAO Comments:

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Options:

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Recommendation:

#1: That the agenda item summary from Alice Johnston, Manager of Corporate Services/Deputy CAO, dated March 15, 2023, regarding the upcoming North Cariboo Recreation Referendum, be received. Further, that Alice Johnston be appointed Chief Election Officer, and Lore Schick, Deputy Corporate Officer/Executive Assistant, be appointed Deputy Chief Election Officer for the referendum.

#2: That the question to be put to the electorate for the North Cariboo Recreation and Parks Aquatic Centre Upgrade Referendum be as follows:

Are you in favour of the Cariboo Regional District adopting Bylaws 5421 & 5422, which will authorize the borrowing of up to \$35 million over 25 years and increase the North Cariboo Recreation and Parks Service's annual taxation limit to a maximum of the greater of \$9 million or \$2.8648/\$1,000 of assessed value of land and improvements, to provide for the upgrade and renovation of the pool and amenities at the Quesnel Arts and Recreation Centre?

(Based on 2023 assessed values, the current residential tax rate for recreation services is \$115/\$100,000. The estimated cost to upgrade and operate the pool translates to an increase of approximately \$75/\$100,000. The new taxation limit for all recreation services of \$9,000,000 translates to a residential tax rate of \$230/\$100,000 of the net taxable assessed value of land and improvements.)

#3: That by an affirmative vote of at least 2/3rds of the votes cast, the Cariboo Regional District Board hereby provides that the participating area approval is to be obtained for the entire service area in the referendum on North Cariboo Recreation and Parks Service Amendment

Bylaw No. 5421, 2023 and North Cariboo Recreation and Parks Loan Authorization Bylaw No. 5422, 2023.