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2024 Business Plan North Cariboo HandyDart (1038)

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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 North Cariboo HandyDart Transit contribution function was established through Bylaw No. 4292 in 2007. This service is delivered by means of a contract, under the Memorandum of Understanding with the City of Quesnel, which provides HandyDart Transit to portions of Electoral Areas A, B, C, and I in the greater Quesnel area.

Participants in the service area are taxed based on the assessed value of improvements only. A referendum in 2014 increased the maximum requisition to the greater of \$70,000, or \$0.08971/\$1,000 of assessment, to provide a contribution more consistent with the actual local government costs for the service.

In return for the contribution, the City of Quesnel provides an annual breakdown of statistics showing met trips and unmet trips for the HandyDart service.

The Directors for Electoral Areas A, B, C, and I are responsible for the governance of this service.

Business Plan Goals, Rationale & Strategies

No new goals identified for 2024.

Overall Financial Impact

The 2024 requisition is increased by 10% amounting to \$7,225 for a total requisition of \$79,470 to account for the larger than average increase in CPI for 2023. An increase of

3% per year is included through the rest of the five-year plan to account for inflation in the contribution agreement with the city.

The 2020 requisition was increased by \$9,500 from the 2019 requisition to cost share the taxi-saver service with the City of Quesnel and BC Transit.

Under the Memorandum of Understanding with the City of Quesnel, the contract value to deliver services for this function will increase by the Consumer Price Index (CPI) as of September 30th each year. This increase will be limited by the maximum requisition possible for the function as defined by the service establishment bylaw.

Significant Issues & Trends

HandyDart ridership was steady throughout the year, but highly dependent on repeated use by individuals requiring service. In 2023, rides to the end of August totaled 5,295, a decrease of approximately 1% from the same period in 2022, but still demonstrating continued regular use of the service. There were no unmet trips between January and August 2023. The service experiences an annual average of 7,000 rides.

BC Transit will be implementing an electronic fare collection system for North Cariboo HandyDart in 2024. This new system will allow for contactless tap payment methods like a mobile app, debit card, and credit card, replacing old technology and reducing barriers to fare payment and transit access.

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

There were no new goals for 2023.