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## **2024 Business Plan Streetlighting (1430 - 1448)**

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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.***

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### **Department/Function Services**

The Cariboo Regional District facilitates streetlighting for 17 service areas, established by various bylaws for each streetlighting function. The service areas were established over a number of years. The majority of the streetlighting functions are taxed via a parcel tax, while a few are taxed using assessed value of land and improvements; no taxation limitation has been determined by the bylaws.

The Cariboo Regional District established a new streetlighting function on Gook Road in Quesnel in 2022. There are 19 LED streetlights included within this new service area.

As the Electoral Area Director in each function is the only stakeholder, and the *Local Government Act* requires more than one vote, the entire Board is responsible for the governance of these services.

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

No specific goals have been identified for 2024; however, requests from two EA Directors have been submitted to BC Hydro for consideration.

### **Overall Financial Impact**

The 2023 requisition was increased in anticipation of BC Hydro switching to LED lights. Cost is expected to be \$1.57 per light per month. 2024 requisitions are getting inflationary

increases while measuring the actual costs of installing the LED lights and the impact this has on the costs of providing the service is unknown.

### **Significant Issues & Trends**

In 2022, BC Hydro rates were reduced 1.4% and then increased by 2% in 2023; however, it is anticipated that rates will increase by 2.7% in 2024.

The LED conversion project will be ongoing over the next two to three years.

The Cariboo Regional District is a signatory on the Clean BC Climate Action Plan (formerly 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**

The Gook Road Streetlighting service (1448) was added in 2022. No new streetlighting services were added in 2023.