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2024 Business Plan Gateway Water (1881)

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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 Gateway Community Water System (GWS).

Background Information

- The Gateway water function was established in 2014 and now services 27 land parcels.
- The system is comprised of one well, a well house, associated pumps, water treatment and distribution piping.
- The system meets domestic needs only and does not provide water for community fire protection.

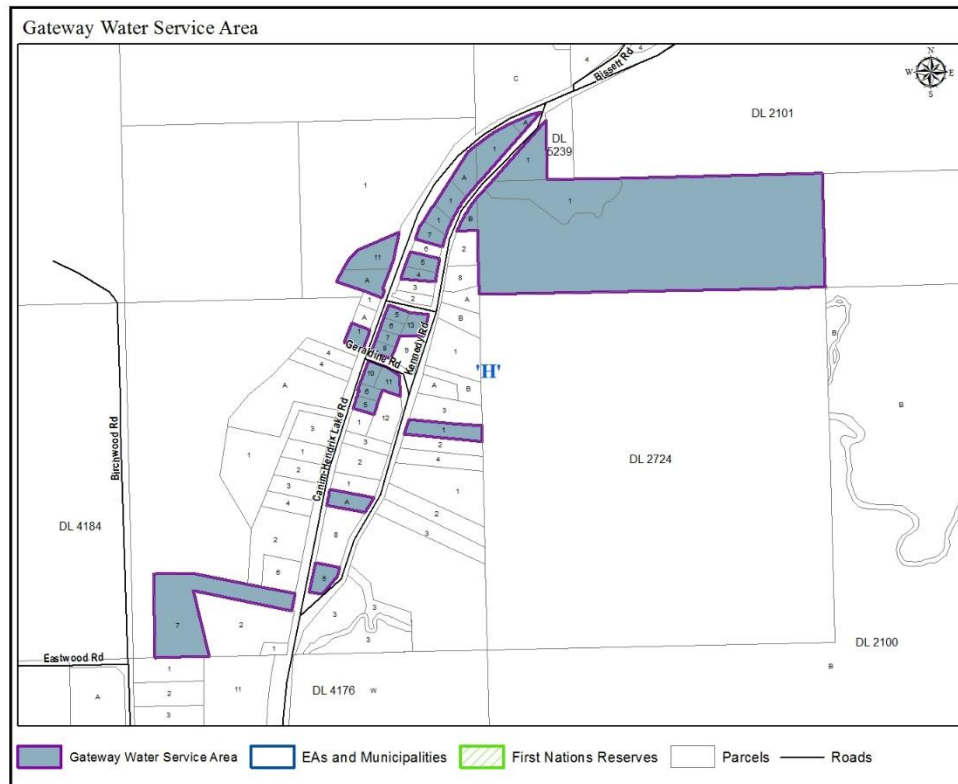
Operations

The water quantity and quality is tested on a regular basis and adjustments to the system are made as required. Regular inspection and maintenance to the system components is undertaken to ensure continuous operations. Connection changes, such as a new connection, are provided to residents as requested.

Operational costs are collected by way of a user fee set at \$477. Taxation is collected by way of a parcel tax of \$530. The Gateway Water System Specified Area Establishment and Loan Authorization Bylaw No. 4892, provides function authority.

The water system was constructed in 2014 at a cost of \$701,725.

As Electoral Area H 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 Interior Health Authority has been conducting inspections of CRD water systems and making recommendations to achieve compliance with the Drinking Water Protection Act and Regulation. Recommendations for the Gateway system are:

- 1) Increased monitoring frequency
- 2) Iron/manganese treatment
- 3) Residual chlorine monitoring

Further, Health Canada has recently introduced a new Maximum Allowable Concentration (MAC) of 0.12 mg/L for manganese. The water quantity and quality will continue to be tested on a regular basis and adjustments will be made to the system as required. A pilot study was conducted in 2023 to determine manganese treatment requirements and estimated costs. The estimated Class D cost for manganese treatment is \$650,000 which is not economically feasible for this small system, unless infrastructure funding is made available from senior government.

The Public Sector Accounting Board 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 to 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.

Business Plan Goals, Objectives & Strategies

- 1. Goal:** Continue SCADA upgrade.
Rationale: Improve work productivity.
Strategy: Upgrade (SCADA) Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition.

- 2. Goal:** Add on-line chlorine monitoring to the treatment system.
Rationale: Improve water quality monitoring to meet IHA requirements.
Strategy: Add chlorine monitoring inside the existing pumphouse.

Financial Impact

The projected capital reserve as of December 2023 is \$34,958.

Taxation is collected by way of a parcel tax of \$530 per year and has remained unchanged since 2015.

The current residential user fee is \$494 per year and may need to increase in 2024 to meet the growing needs of the system and inflation.