



Date: 12/08/2024

To: Chair and Directors, Cariboo Regional District Board

And To: Murray Daly, Chief Administrative Officer

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

Date of Meeting: Cariboo Regional District Board_Aug16_2024

File: 4210-20-24-05

Short Summary:

Quesnel Fringe Area Fire Protection – Firehall Referendum

Voting:

Corporate Vote - Unweighted

Memorandum:

The Quesnel Fringe Area (Red Bluff) Firehall is in need of significant repairs, which will be less cost effective than constructing a new firehall. The Area Director has discussed the situation with staff and this item is presented for the Board's approval to proceed with an assent vote (referendum) for a new firehall.

The loan authorization bylaw is 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:

- Infrastructure and Asset Management:** To establish a systematic, predictable approach to managing the regional district's assets and infrastructure that builds on current asset management data and condition assessments.

- ❑ **Enhanced Communications and Engagement:** To build trust and credibility of the regional district by enhancing our communications and engagement with citizens, stakeholders, and volunteers.
- ❑ **Effective and Responsive Land Use Planning and Development:** To ensure our land use planning and development is responsive to future growth and housing needs, anticipates risks and hazards associated with climate change and provides efficient and consistent processes for landowners and developers.
- ❑ **Relationships with First Nations:** To foster a healthy and inclusive region by building and strengthening our relationships with First Nations and embracing the principles of reconciliation.

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CAO Comments:

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Options:

- 1) Endorse recommendations;
- 2) Other action.

Recommendation:

#1: That the Cariboo Regional District proceed to an assent vote (referendum) in October 2024 for the borrowing to replace a firehall for the Quesnel Fringe Area Fire Protection Service.

#2: That Alice Johnston, Manager of Corporate Services/Deputy CAO, be appointed Chief Election Officer, and Lore Schick, Deputy Corporate Officer/Executive Assistant, be appointed Deputy Chief Election Officer for the Quesnel Fringe Area Fire Protection Service Firehall Replacement Assent Vote.