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## **2025 Business Plan Electoral Area L Community Halls & Recreation Facility Support Service (1559)**

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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 Electoral Area L Community Halls and Recreation Facility Support Service was established through Bylaw No. 4073 in 2006.

The purpose of the service is to provide funds, by means of contribution contracts (January 1, 2022 – December 31, 2026), to support three community halls in Electoral Area L of the South Cariboo. The halls are the Lone Butte Community Hall, the Interlakes Community Complex at Roe Lake, and the Watch Lake Community Hall. Support from this service is directed to the community associations which manage the properties for costs associated with owning and operating the facilities. The funds are to be expended on insurance, utilities and capital improvements. This contribution is in recognition of the important role local halls play in healthy activity and stability within communities.

The service area includes all Electoral Area L. Requisition is by way of a parcel tax which is applied to a maximum of three parcels per unique owner identifier. The requisition limit may not exceed the greater of \$53,000 or \$0.0995/\$1,000 of assessed value of land and improvements.

As the Electoral Area L Director 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.

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

### **2025 Goals**

- 1. Goal:** Replace the hall flooring at the Watch Lake Community Hall.  
**Rationale:** The flooring has reached the end of its effective lifespan and needs to be replaced. The project is consistent with the purpose of the community hall support function.  
**Strategy:** The Watch Lake and District's Women's Institute and the Watch Lake Green Lake Community Association will manage the project with updates to and advice from Regional District staff.
- 2. Goal:** Construct a covered picnic area at the Interlakes Community Complex.  
**Rationale:** A picnic spot will increase the appeal and use of the complex. The project is consistent with the purpose of the community hall support function.  
**Strategy:** The Roe Lake & District Recreation Commission will manage the project with updates to and advice from Regional District staff.

### **Overall Financial Impact**

The 2025 requisition remains the same as the 2024 requisition at \$81,580. Requisition is by way of a parcel tax of about \$15 per parcel.

### **Significant Issues & Trends**

Rising costs for insurance, utilities, renovation materials and labour may cause the goals for future years to be revisited. However, it is also expected that the improvements to the hall and recreation areas will increase community pride in the property and lead to better usage and more fundraising opportunities.

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**

- Goal:** Replace the roof shingles on the log section of the Watch Lake Hall.
- Completed.

**Goal:** Perform further upgrades to the new pickleball courts, such as resurfacing the paving with a rubberized surface, at the Interlakes Community Complex.

- Completed.

**Goal:** Perform upgrades and repairs to the riding arena on the Lone Butte Hall property.

- Completed