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## **2025 Business Plan Electoral Area F Community Halls Support Service (1561)**

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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 F Community Halls Support Service was established through Bylaw No. 4259 in 2007.

The purpose of the service is to provide funds, by means of contribution contracts (January 1, 2023 - December 31, 2027), to support five community halls in Electoral Area F of the central Cariboo. The halls are the Miocene Community Hall, 150 Mile House Community Hall, Big Lake Community Hall, Likely Community Hall and Horsefly 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 the local halls play in the stability and healthy activity within communities.

The service area includes all Electoral Area F. Requisition is by way of a parcel tax which is applied to a maximum of two parcels per unique owner identifier. The requisition limit may not exceed the greater of \$50,000 or \$0.1131/\$1,000 of assessed value of land and improvements.

As the Electoral Area F 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 ladies' bathroom flooring at the Big Lake Hall.  
**Rationale:** The flooring in the ladies' bathroom 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 Big Lake Community Association will manage the project with updates to and advice from Regional District staff. Funding is allocated in the financial plan to complete the project.
- 2. Goal:** Purchase chairs and a new chair dolly for the Likely Hall.  
**Rationale:** The hall requires additional new chairs to accommodate community events and classes. The old chairs may be donated to other Likely organizations  
**Strategy:** The Likely and District Chamber of Commerce will manage the project with updates to and advice from Regional District staff. Funding is allocated in the financial plan to complete the project.

### **Overall Financial Impact**

The 2025 requisition remains the same as the 2024 requisition at \$75,000. Requisition is by way of a parcel tax of about \$25 per parcel applied to a maximum of two parcels.

Each community hall group will receive a total allocation of \$12,500 for each of the first three years (2023-2025) and an increase to \$15,000 for each of the last two years (2026-2027) of the current agreement term. The allocation will remain at \$15,000 for the foreseeable future.

The 2023 requisition was increased by approximately \$25,000 to \$75,000 from the 2022 requisition. The increase is necessary to assist with rising costs for insurance and utilities at the community halls.

### **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**

There were no new goals in 2024.