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2025 Business Plan McLeese Lake Recreation Facilities Service (1552)

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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/Function Services

The McLeese Lake Recreation Facilities function was established through Bylaw No. 371 in 1975 to assist with the maintenance and operation of the community recreation facilities at the south end of McLeese Lake by means of a contribution contract (January 1, 2021 - December 31, 2025) with the McLeese Lake Recreation Commission Society. A subsequent referendum in 1983 rescinded the original bylaw and replaced it with Bylaw No. 1529, which established a new maximum requisition level.

Support from this service is directed to the McLeese Lake Recreation Commission Society for costs associated with owning and operating the facility. 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 the stability and healthy activity within communities.

The McLeese Lake Community Recreation Facilities property is owned by the McLeese Lake Recreation Society. Property ownership was transferred from the Cariboo Regional District to the Society in 1989.

The community hall and ball fields are located on the portion of the property north of Forglen Road. A public boat launch is situated on a Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure right of way on the property's east side.

Taxation for this function ceased at the request of the community in 1989. The Cariboo Regional District and Gibraltar Mines Ltd. entered into an agreement which generated sufficient funds to retire the MFA debts for this function in 1998 and 1999. That

agreement also provided that the Regional District would not implement taxation for the function during the period 1989 to 1999.

In 2005, the McLeese Lake Recreation Commission Society requested that the function be reinstated in order to once again support maintenance and operations of the recreation facilities.

Requisition is by means of a tax applied to the assessed value of land and improvements within the local service area. The maximum taxation rate for this service is \$1.00/\$1,000.

As the Electoral Area D 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:** Increase the annual requisition to support rising costs for insurance, utilities, and capital works at the hall.
Rationale: Ongoing operation and maintenance costs have continued to grow and a rise in the requisition amount is needed to meet these new costs.
Strategy: CRD staff will include the increase in the 2026 budget.
- 2. Goal:** Review the contribution agreement with the McLeese Lake Recreation Commission Society.
Rationale: The current five-year agreement expires on December 31, 2025.
Strategy: The current agreement is included in the function financial plan. The agreement will be renewed if there are no material changes.
- 3. Goal:** Replace the old storage shed at the hall.
Rationale: The storage shed is nearing 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 McLeese Lake Recreation Commission Society will manage the project with updates to and advice from Regional District staff. Carried forward from 2024.

Overall Financial Impact

The 2025 requisition remains the same as the 2024 requisition at \$25,000.

The 2026 requisition will be increased by \$10,000 to support rising costs for insurance, utilities, and capital works at the hall.

Significant Issues & Trends

Rising costs for insurance, utilities, renovation materials and labour may cause capital 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 old storage shed at the hall.

- Deferred in favour of other priorities, including repairing and refreshing existing outhouses and replacing carpet on the walls in the main hall with sound absorbing paneling.