



Date: 10/03/2025

To: Chair and Directors, Cariboo Regional District Board

And To: Murray Daly, Chief Administrative Officer

From: Kelly McDonald, Manager of Utilities

Date of Meeting: Cariboo Regional District Board_Mar21_2025

File: 3900-20-5506

Short Summary:

Cariboo Regional District Water Services Management Bylaw No. 5506, 2025

Voting:

Corporate Vote - Unweighted

Memorandum:

The increased water demand over the summer months significantly depletes the water supply each year at the Cariboo Regional District water facilities. Climate change and a growing population in the Cariboo cause additional strains. At present, we are only able to recommend water restrictions; we are not able to enforce them. To help maintain an adequate water supply to all users during those crucial months and reduce the threat of a drought situation, the Environmental Services Department recommends an amendment to the Water Services Management Bylaw to include water sprinkling restrictions from May 1 to October 1 each year in all 11 Cariboo Regional District water service areas.

Attachments:

1. Cariboo Regional District Water Services Management Bylaw No. 5506, 2025

Financial Implications:

N/A

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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Options:

1. Endorse recommendations;
2. Deny
3. Defer.

Recommendation:

#1: That Cariboo Regional District Water Services Management Bylaw No. 5506, 2025 be read a first, second, and third time, this 21st day of March 2025.

#2: That Cariboo Regional District Water Services Management Bylaw No. 5506, 2025 be adopted this 21st day of March 2025.