



Date: 17/07/2025

To: Chair and Directors, Cariboo Regional District Board

And To: Murray Daly, Chief Administrative Officer

From: Alice Johnston, Corporate Officer/Deputy CAO

Date of Meeting: Cariboo Regional District Board_Aug15_2025

File: 3900-20-5511

Short Summary:

Horse Lake Water System Loan Authorization Bylaw No. 5511, 2025

Voting:

Corporate Vote - Weighted

Memorandum:

The Horse Lake System is currently on an indefinite Water Quality Advisory due to high levels of manganese in the source water. This greenfield upgrade (treatment plant) to the system will remedy this issue and provide a template for other small systems dealing with similar issues in the CRD.

Loan Authorization Bylaw No. 5511 is presented for consideration of three readings so that it may be forwarded to the Ministry of Housing and Municipal Affairs for statutory approval, prior to the Board authorizing a public approval process.

Staff's strong recommendation will be to proceed to an Alternative Approval Process (AAP) rather than referendum, as the costs are significantly less.

Attachments:

Bylaw No. 5511

Financial Implications:

The Alternate Approval Process that will be requested is to fund 25% of the project by the residents using the system, as directed by the Board. The remaining 75% would come from the Community Works Fund. Total cost is estimated to be 1.2 million dollars as of 2025.

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 the recommendation;
- 2) Other action.

Recommendation:

That Horse Lake Water System Loan Authorization Bylaw No. 5511, 2025 be read a first, second and third time this 15th day of August 2025.