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To: North Cariboo Rural Directors Caucus

And To: Murray Daly, Chief Administrative Officer

From: Darron Campbell, Manager of Community Services

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Short Summary:

Contribution Agreement Renewals with City of Quesnel for Transit, HandyDart, Airport and Visitor Information / Tourism Marketing Services.

Voting:

By consensus

Memorandum:

The Cariboo Regional District has funding contribution agreements with municipal partners for various services delivered by the municipalities that benefit residents and business in the surrounding electoral areas.

Existing Community Services contribution agreements with the City of Quesnel flow from several Regional District functions including North Cariboo Transit (Red Bluff) (1029), North Cariboo HandyDart (1038), Quesnel Regional Airport (1114), North Cariboo Cemetery (1031) and North Cariboo Economic Development (1026).

The current agreements expired at the end of 2024 and were renewed in 2025 for a one-year term to allow for a review of information and negotiation for renewals to be conducted.

Four of the contribution agreement renewal discussions have concluded and are brought forward for endorsement of the rural directors' caucus prior to going to the Regional District Board. The renewal under the North Cariboo Cemetery function remains in progress while more detailed information regarding operating costs is explored and considered.

Attachments:

Proposed contribution agreement renewals:

1. North Cariboo Transit (Red Bluff)
2. North Cariboo HandyDart Paratransit
3. Quesnel Regional Airport
4. Visitor Information Centre and Tourism Marketing

Financial Implications:

The proposed agreement renewal costs are included in the 2026 five-year financial plan for each respective function.

The three-year (2026-2028) contribution amount changes are as follows:

Transit – \$7,582 in 2025 (CPI increase) to a fixed annual amount of \$14,000.

HandyDart – \$79,596 in 2025 (CPI) to a fixed amount of \$55,000.

Airport - \$68,500 in 2025 fixed amount to a fixed amount of \$80,000.

Visitor Information Centre - \$15,000 in 2025 fixed amount to a fixed amount of \$20,000.

Policy Implications:

None. The funding contributions are consistent with the purpose of the establishment bylaw for each service.

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. Other action at the direction of the caucus;
3. Defer.

Recommendation:

#1: That the proposed contribution agreement with the City of Quesnel for fixed route transit services in the Red Bluff area be renewed in the amount of \$14,000 annually for a three-year term. Further, that the appropriate signatories be authorized to execute the agreement.

#2: That the proposed contribution agreement with the City of Quesnel for HandyDart service in rural fringe areas of the north Cariboo be renewed in the amount of \$55,000 annually for a three-year term. Further, that the appropriate signatories be authorized to execute the agreement.

#3: That the proposed contribution agreement with the City of Quesnel for regional airport services in the north Cariboo be renewed in the amount of \$80,000 annually for a three-year term. Further, that the appropriate signatories be authorized to execute the agreement.

#4: That the proposed contribution agreement with the City of Quesnel for Visitor Information and Tourism Marketing services in the north Cariboo be renewed in the amount of \$20,000 annually for a three-year term. Further, that the appropriate signatories be authorized to execute the agreement.