



**Date:** 13/03/2026

**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\_Apr10\_2026

**File:** 4210-20-26-02

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## Short Summary:

Forest Grove Fire Protection – Firehall Renovation Assent Vote

## Voting:

Corporate Vote - Unweighted

## Memorandum:

The Forest Grove Volunteer Fire Department needs significant repairs to its firehall.

The Area Director has discussed the situation with staff, and this item is presented for the Board's approval to proceed with an assent vote (referendum) for the authority to borrow funds to renovate the firehall.

The loan authorization and service amendment bylaws are presented on today's agenda for consideration of three readings, and the next steps in proceeding to assent voting may be taken as outlined in the recommendations below.

## Attachments:

n/a

## Financial Implications:

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## 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) Other action.

### Recommendation:

**#1:** That the Cariboo Regional District proceed to an assent vote (referendum) in July 2026 for borrowing to renovate the firehall for the Forest Grove Fire Protection Service.

**#2:** That Alice Johnston, Corporate Officer/Deputy CAO, be appointed Chief Election Officer, and Lore Schick, Deputy Corporate Officer/Executive Assistant, be appointed Deputy Chief Election Officer for the Forest Grove Fire Protection Service Firehall Renovation Assent Vote.

**#3:** That by an affirmative vote of at least 2/3rds of the votes cast, the Cariboo Regional District Board hereby provides that the participating area approval is to be obtained for the entire service area in the assent vote on Forest Grove Fire Protection Service Amendment Bylaw No. 5556, 2026 and Forest Grove Fire Protection Firehall Renovation Loan Authorization Bylaw No. 5566, 2026.

**#4:** That the question to be put to the electors for the Forest Grove Fire Protection Service firehall renovation assent vote be as follows:

“Are you in favour of the Cariboo Regional District adopting:

- **Bylaw 5566:** to authorize the borrowing of up to \$880,000 over 10 years to provide for the renovation of the existing firehall for the Forest Grove Fire Protection Service; and
- **Bylaw 5556:** to increase the service's annual taxation limit to a maximum of \$1.4475/\$1,000 of assessed property value or \$548,808, whichever is higher?

*(This borrowing will result in an estimated total annual parcel tax of \$141 per parcel.)”*