



REGIONAL DISTRICT OF BULKLEY-NECHAKO
SPECIAL BOARD MEETING
SUPPLEMENTARY AGENDA
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Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Special Board Agenda March 7, 2019 Supplemental

To: Chair Thiessen and Board of Directors
From: John Illes, Chief Financial Officer
Date: February 26, 2019
Re: Asset Management Plan – RDBN Office

Included with this memo, under separate cover, is the RDBN Office Lifecycle Assessment for receipt. This plan has been reviewed by staff, including the building inspectors. Staff are recommending that this plan be received, and the information included in the current and future budget to ensure proper maintenance of the office building.

This year \$12,000 of critical maintenance has been identified. These include repairs to the damaged bollards protecting the natural gas metre (\$3000), to repaint and repair the main signage (\$3000), a hazardous material assessment (\$3,000) and the review of a damaged segment of the exterior load bearing wall (\$3000). These increased costs will result in a tax increase of 0.15% points (for example municipal tax rates would move from 2.1% increase to 2.25%).

The plan also identified additional immediate HVAC work. This work is currently being undertaken and is expected to be complete by the end of March.

I would be pleased to answer any questions.

Recommendation:

(All/Directors/Majority)

“That the Board receive the Chief Financial Officer’s memo dated March 6, 2019 titled ‘Asset Management Plan – RDBN Office’ and

“That the ‘RDBN Office Lifecycle Assessment Feasibility and Enhancement Study’ be utilized in financial planning”

Provincial Download***Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako***

WHEREAS Section 2 of the *Community Charter* states that the Provincial government must not assign responsibilities to municipalities unless there is provision for resources required to fulfill the responsibilities;

AND WHEREAS legislated changes have shifted responsibility for managing a wide range of complex issues, including but not limited to the significant impact of emergency response services onto local governments placing notable strain on local government resources;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the North Central Local Government Association lobby the Provincial government to ensure that adequate resources and funding are provided to local governments to fulfil the responsibilities that have been assigned to local governments.

MEMORANDUM



To: Chair Thiessen and Board of Directors
 From: Jason Llewellyn, Director of Planning and Protective Services
 Date: March 6th, 2019
 Re: Emergency Preparedness and Response Resolutions

BACKGROUND

The Director for Electoral Area E requested that staff draft the following three UBCM resolutions for consideration by the Board. These issues are discussed in the "Wildfire / Emergency Preparedness and Response Strategic Priorities" staff report on pages 12 to 29 of the March 7th, 2019 Committee of the Whole agenda.

Additional resolutions relating to Disaster Financial Assistance, Provincial support for recovery, or fuel management on Crown land, as discussed in the March 7th, 2019 staff report, can be drafted for the Board's consideration on request.

The March 1st deadline for resolution submission to the NCLGA has passed; however, a request will be made for the NCLGA to accept late submissions if necessary.

Community Resilience Investment Program - FireSmart Community Funding

WHEREAS the Community Resilience Investment Program's funding model for FireSmart related activities on private property is capped at \$100,000 per local government regardless of population or geographic area;

AND WHEREAS the funding model and funding eligibility requirements put geographically large regional districts at a notable disadvantage compared to local governments with significantly less wildfire interface areas;

THEREFORE BE IT resolved that the Province develop eligibility requirements for Community Resilience Investment Program funding, and a funding model, that are equitable and based on local government need.

Permitting Entry into an Evacuation Order Area

WHEREAS wildfire events are increasing in frequency, intensity, and duration, and local governments and the BC Wildfire Service are required to implement an efficient, effective, and coordinated approach to address the demand for persons, equipment, and supplies requiring entry into an evacuation order area;

AND WHEREAS the BC Wildfire Service does not have a comprehensive permitting process to facilitate the entry of support personnel, equipment, and supplies into an

evacuation order area, and the *Emergency Program Act* and British Columbia Emergency Management System do not address, recognize, or provide any direction regarding the permitting of residents, farmers, or persons working in coordination with the BC Wildfire Service to enter into an evacuation order area;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Province work with local governments to develop a permitting system and associated policy, procedures, and best practices that facilitate the necessary entry of persons, equipment, and supplies into an evacuation order area;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Province consider the need for legislation that addresses the risk management issues associated with allowing entry into an evacuation order area.

Stay and Defend Policy

WHEREAS wildfire events are increasing in frequency, intensity, and duration, and local governments and the BC Wildfire Service are increasingly required to deal with the issues created by residents who stay within an evacuation order area to defend their property and farmers who stay to look after livestock sheltering in place;

AND WHEREAS the *Emergency Program Act* and the British Columbia Emergency Management System do not address, recognize, or provide direction regarding the management of issues created by persons choosing to stay and defend their property from wildfire;

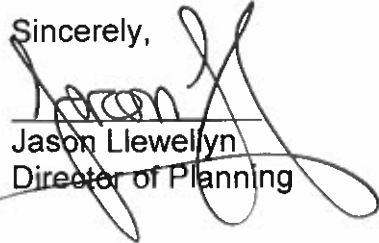
THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Province work with local governments to develop policy and best practices regarding stay and defend issues with consideration given to formally recognizing a person's right to stay and defend their property from wildfire.

Recommendation

Direction

All Directors / Majority

Sincerely,



Jason Llewellyn
Director of Planning



The Honourable Jinny Sims
Minister of Citizens' Services

invites you to attend an important announcement
on connecting B.C.'s rural communities

9:30 a.m.
Friday, March 8th, 2019

Wood Innovation and Design Centre
499 George Street
Prince George, B.C.

Please RSVP to Elena Banfield
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