



# REPORT

To: Chair and Directors

Report Number: FN-BRD-306

From: Financial Administration

Date: November 7, 2024

**Subject: Seniors Aging in Place Support Services Contract Extension 2025-2027**

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## **RECOMMENDATION: [Corporate Weighted]**

That the Regional Board authorize a three-year contract extension with the Dawson Creek Society for Community Living for the 'Seniors Aging in Place Support Services Program' at a cost of \$6,253,509 (excluding taxes) from January 1, 2025 to December 31, 2027, further that the Chair and Chief Administrative Officer be authorized to sign the amendment on behalf of the PRRD.

## **BACKGROUND/RATIONALE:**

In 2021, the Regional Board adopted Seniors Aging in Place Support Services Establishment Bylaw No. 2444, 2021 to provide, through direct or contracted means or the provision of grant-in-aid to a registered not-for-profit society, or health authority, or any community agency that employs health professionals, in-home support services to rural seniors. In May of 2022, the Regional District entered a contract with the Dawson Creek Society for Community Living (DCSCL) to provide these services. The contract is set to expire December 31, 2024.

It has been confirmed that the Peace River Regional District is not obligated to procure such services through open procurement since the trade agreements will not apply. Article 504(11)(h) of the Canadian Free Trade Agreement provides that the procurement of health and social services is not subject to open-procurement requirements. The New West Partnership Trade Agreement provides a similar exception in Part V(C)(2).

Given Dawson Creek Society for Community Living's (DCSCL) experience with the program, it is in the best interest of the Peace River Regional District to renew the agreement with this organization. Continuing the partnership with DCSCL ensures business continuity and guarantees that the needs of the seniors are met without interruption. Their established relationship with the community and deep understanding of the seniors' needs will enable the PRRD to maintain the high standard of service required to help seniors reside in their homes for an extended period.

There are no changes to the scope of services provided under this agreement. However, there are pricing increases and projected number of services provided increases. All other terms will remain consistent with those previously established, ensuring both financial stability and continued quality of care for the seniors in our community.

## **ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS:**

1. That the Regional Board provide further direction.

**STRATEGIC PLAN RELEVANCE:**

Not Applicable to Strategic Plan

**FINANCIAL CONSIDERATION(S):**

The following table details the cost per service and projected number of services provided for 2025 to 2027.

	2023		%chg	2024		2025	%chg	2026	%chg	2027	%chg
	Actuals	PROJECTED		2025	%chg						
Unit Cost per Meal	28.88	32.22	11.57%	33.12	2.79%	34.28	3.50%	35.48	3.50%		
Unit Cost Per Housekeeping Visit	214.50	230.00	7.23%	238.05	3.50%	246.38	3.50%	255.01	3.50%		
Unit Cost per Snow Removal Visit	300.00	300.00	0.00%	310.50	3.50%	321.37	3.50%	332.62	3.50%		
Projected # of Meals Delivered	11,164	12,516	12.11%	13,375	6.86%	16,050	20.00%	19,260	20.00%		
* Projected # of Housekeeping Visits	2,012	2,930	45.63%	4,004	36.66%	4,810	20.13%	5,746	19.46%		
** Projected # of Snow Removals	154	288	87.01%	825	186.46%	990	20.00%	1,200	21.21%		
Projected PRRD Billing Meals	322,416	403,266	25.08%	442,980	9.85%	550,194	24.20%	683,345	24.20%		
Projected PRRD Billing Housekeeping	431,574	673,900	56.15%	953,152	41.44%	1,185,088	24.33%	1,465,287	23.64%		
Projected PRRD Billing Snow Removal	46,200	86,400	87.01%	256,163	196.48%	318,156	24.20%	399,144	25.46%		
<b>Total Projected PRRD Billing (Annual)</b>	<b>800,190.32</b>	<b>1,163,565.52</b>		<b>1,652,294.70</b>		<b>2,053,438.10</b>		<b>2,547,776.26</b>			
<b>Total Projected PRRD Billing 2025-2027</b>								<b>6,253,509.06</b>			

Meal costs will increase 2.79% in 2025 and 3.5% in 2026 and 2027. Housekeeping and Snow removal costs will increase 3.5% in 2025, 2026, and 2027.

The number of services provided is projected to increase considerably. However, the PRRD only pays for the number of services actually provided.

**COMMUNICATIONS CONSIDERATION(S):**

Contract will be issued to Dawson Creek Society for Community Living upon approval.

**OTHER CONSIDERATION(S):**

None at this time.