



REPORT

To: Chair and Directors

Report Number: CS-BRD-046

From: Rural Budgets Administration Committee

Date: February 17, 2021

Subject: Function 310 Emergency Rescue Vehicle Draft 2021 Budget

The following recommendation from the January 21, 2021 Rural Budgets Administration Committee meeting is being presented to the Regional Board for its consideration:

RECOMMENDATION: [Corporate Weighted]

That the Regional Board include the draft 2021 budget for Function 310 – Emergency Rescue Vehicle in the 2021 Financial Plan.

BACKGROUND/RATIONALE:

The Emergency Rescue Vehicle Budget provides a grant-in-aid to the City of Dawson Creek and District of Chetwynd to offset the costs associated to providing rescue services in the Electoral Areas immediately surrounding those communities, as per Bylaw No. 662, 1990. In prior years, Dawson Creek has received \$3,500 and Chetwynd has received \$3,000 from Electoral Areas D and E.

At its January 21, 2021 meeting the Rural Budgets Administration Committee passed the following resolution:

MOVED, SECONDED and CARRIED

That the Rural Budgets Administration Committee approve an increase to the grant-in-aid that is provided to the City of Dawson Creek and District of Chetwynd to offset costs associated with providing rescue services in their respective Electoral Areas, D and E, to \$5,000 each, and further, that the Committee recommend that the Regional Board include the draft 2021 budget as amended for function 310 – Emergency Rescue Vehicle in the 2021 Financial Plan.

The total budget is \$13,365. This is an increase of \$3,626 or 37.23% from 2020.

ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS:

1. That the Regional Board provide further direction.

STRATEGIC PLAN RELEVANCE:

☒ Not Applicable to Strategic Plan.

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATION(S):

Budget highlights:

- Requisition – increase of \$3,436

- Surplus – increase of \$190
- Allocations – increase of \$137
- Area D GIA – increase of \$1,500
- Area E GIA – increase of \$2,000

The maximum amount that may be extended for either service is the greater of \$3,000 or the product of a property value tax of \$0.022 in Area D or \$.012 in Area E, for each \$1,000 of net taxable value of land and improvements included in the service area. This year, to raise the \$5,000 for each municipality approved by the Rural Budgets Administration Committee, the tax rate in Area D will be \$.0012 and in Area E will be .0015, both of which fall under the maximum limit allowable under the bylaw.

COMMUNICATIONS CONSIDERATION(S):

None.

OTHER CONSIDERATION(S):

None.

Attachments:

1. Function 310 Emergency Rescue Vehicles Draft 2021 Budget and Tax Rate