



## Peace River Regional District REPORT

To: Rural Budgets Administration Committee

Date: June 12, 2015

From: Shannon Anderson; Deputy CAO  
Kim Frech, Chief Financial Officer

**Subject: City of Dawson Creek Sewer Funding Request**

### RECOMMENDATION(S):

1. THAT the Rural Budgets Administration Committee "Fringe Area Funding" policy be amended to read:

That the \$1,750,000 (plus interest) one-time Fair Share Fringe Area funding be allocated to any host municipality providing water or sewer services to the electoral areas, until such time as the fund is depleted. These funds are intended to support additional capacity to municipal infrastructure for rural service impacts in exchange for long-term guaranteed access to the municipal service for the Electoral Areas.

2. That the amended policy #1 above be forwarded to the Peace River Regional District Board for their approval due to this pertaining to the municipalities directly and there is a Board resolution dated 11 January 2007 adopting the original policy.
3. That upon Board adoption of the amended policy, the Rural Budgets Administration Committee approves a Rural Fringe Fair Share grant of up to \$400,000 be paid to the City of Dawson Creek to complete the detailed design of a new City owned and operated sewer receiving facility, and that this payment be conditional upon reaching an agreement with the City that secures long-term access to the facility for the electoral areas.

### BACKGROUND/RATIONALE:

As part of the May 28<sup>th</sup> Board meeting, a letter was received, (attached), from the City of Dawson Creek, (CDC) requesting funding support of \$400,000 to complete the detailed design of a new rural sewage truck waste facility that will be tied to the City of Dawson Creek's sewage treatment plant. The purpose of the facility is to provide sewer disposal services for those rural residents and businesses that require sewer pump out services to operate their private sewer infrastructure. This receiving facility is similar to what is currently being constructed at the Charlie Lake sewer treatment plant in Charlie Lake. A feasibility study for the CDC project is attached for your reference.

The City has applied for a grant under the Federal Gas Tax Strategic priorities Fund, and if successful, will see 100% of the project's \$3.6 million cost, being covered by the grant. The City would like to complete the detailed design now, so as to be shovel ready early in 2016 should they be successful in acquiring the grant. Should the CDC not be successful, it is

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anticipated that the project would go to their 2016 budget discussions and be prioritized accordingly.

The CDC has indicated that they would entertain a long term agreement to provide rural sewage receiving services in exchange of the funding requested.

**STRATEGIC PLAN RELEVANCE:**

Rural servicing is identified under Emerging Regional Opportunities in the 2015-2018 draft strategic plan.

**FINANCIAL CONSIDERATION(S):**

Funding options are as follows:

**Option 1** - Rural fringe fair share. This would be a good fit as it was originally intended for municipal capacity building in exchange for allowing rural service provision. The rationale was based on \$2,500 per lot for each lot that received service. This policy is proposed to be changed (above #1) to accommodate other servicing proposals such as this current request. This funding source is a one-time Fair Share payment to the electoral areas.

**Option 2** - Electoral Area D Fair Share could also be considered. This would see Electoral Area D Fair Share funds being used in the Electoral area where its residents receive the largest benefit. This project would also comply with the intent of the new Peace Agreement recently endorsed.

**Option 3** - Decline funding request. May have negative impacts in the future as municipalities evaluate their desire to provide rural services.

**COMMUNICATIONS CONSIDERATION(S):** Will have Communication Manager do appropriate notifications as direction of the Committee.

**OTHER CONSIDERATION(S):**

Approving the request would go a long way in developing partnerships with municipalities in the long term provision of services for rural residents and businesses. While providing a grant to a municipality in exchange of a guarantee for rural service would negate the need for a sewer function, it is staff's belief that a sewer function should be entertained for Electoral Area's C and a portion, or all of Area B. This is due to the fact that the public sewer receiving facility for these areas is owned and operated by the PRRD and therefore should ultimately have a function to raise funds to operate and build capital reserves for future developments.

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To Whom It May Concern:

**Re: Trucked Waste Receiving Facility.**

At the May 11, 2015 Regular Meeting, Council passed a resolution to request funding from the Peace River Regional District in the amount of \$400,000 to fund the detailed design of the proposed Trucked Waste Receiving Facility in 2015. Completing this step would position the City with a "shelf ready" project should the Federal Gas Tax Strategic Priorities grant funding request for this project be approved.

Thank you for considering this request and we look forward to hearing from you in the near future.

Yours truly,

  
Mayor Dale Bumstead

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cc Karin Henderson

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**Attention: Kevin Henderson, Director of Infrastructure and Sustainable Development**

**RE: CITY OF DAWSON CREEK - TRUCKED WASTE, GRIT & RV WASTE RECEIVING FACILITY –  
FEASIBILITY STUDY**

We are pleased to provide this final Feasibility Study for your records. This feasibility study outlines concepts for two facilities: one to receive trucked waste and grit and one to receive RV waste. Construction and Operations and Maintenance cost estimates have been provided for these concepts. Sludge and biosolids management options have also been reviewed.

We look forward to continue to work with the City of Dawson Creek in the development of these waste receiving facilities.

Sincerely,

**URBAN SYSTEMS LTD.**



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