



STAFF REPORT

Date: 05 Feb 2018
To: Chair Russell and Members of the RDKB Board of Directors
From: Theresa Lenardon, Manager of Corporate Administration/Corporate Officer
Re: RDKB Bylaw No. 1663; Amending Grand Forks and District Transit Service Establishment Bylaw No. 672

File RDKB ADMN-Bylaw No. 1663

Issue Introduction

A staff report from Theresa Lenardon, Manager of Corporate Administration/Corporate Officer regarding proposed RDKB Bylaw No. 1663, 2018 amending the Grand Forks and District Transit Service Local Service Establishment Bylaw No. 672, 1991.

At the January 25, 2018 Board meeting the Board of Directors reconsidered and adopted Bylaw No. 1660, 2017 which amends the Grand Forks and District Transit Service Local Service Establishment Bylaw No. 672, 1991 by increasing the requisition 25% (from \$40,000 to \$50,000).

The Bylaw was sent to the RDKB's Advisors at the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing on January 26, 2018. The adopted Bylaw was denied by the Ministry as amending Bylaw No. 1660 established a requisition rate per \$1,000 rather than a specific rate of \$50,000.

In order to maintain the current level of transit service, additional funding is required. Therefore, Grand Forks and District Transit Service Local Service Establishment Amendment Bylaw No. 1663, 2018 repeals Bylaw No. 1660, 2017 and increases the annual requisition by 25% - from \$40,000 set out in Bylaw No. 672 to a specified amount of \$50,000 (rather than rate per \$1,000), is presented.

History/Background Factors

After a successful referendum in 1991, the RDKB Board of Directors adopted Grand Forks and District Transit Service Local Service Establishment Bylaw No. 672 for the purpose of providing local transit services in the Cities of Grand Forks and Greenwood, RDKB Electoral Area 'D'/Rural Grand Forks and in portions of RDKB Electoral Areas 'C'/Christina Lake and 'E'/West Boundary. Bylaw 672 set out an annual requisition limit of \$40,000 to deliver the service.

In January 1998, the RDKB Board of Directors adopted Bylaw No. 995, 1997 amending Service Establishment Bylaw No. 672 by removing Electoral Area 'C'/Christina Lake as a participant in the service. The \$40,000 requisition limit did not change and has not changed since the service was established in 1991.

Inspector of Municipalities Statutory Approval: Regional Districts do not require bylaw Statutory Approval from the Inspector of Municipalities after Third Reading if the maximum amount originally requisitioned does not increase by more than 25% over a five-year period. This applies to Bylaw 1663. All other statutory and procedural requirements for putting the amending bylaw into force remain. Therefore, 2/3 of the service participants must consent to the Board adopting Bylaw 1663.

Participant Consent: Further to *Local Government Act* Section 347 (2), participating Electoral Area approval may be given by the Electoral Area Director consenting in writing to the adoption of proposed Bylaw No. 1663 on behalf of the (Electoral Areas 'D'/Rural Grand Forks and 'E'/West Boundary) electorate who reside or own property within the portion of the local transit service area. Further to *Local Government Act* Section 346 if a proposed participating area is all of a member Municipality (in this case, Grand Forks and Greenwood), Council may give participating Municipal approval by consenting to the adoption of Bylaw 1663 on behalf of those Municipal Electors. These consents take the place of assent of the electorate via voting in a referendum.

Implications

1. The revenue from the tax increase will assist the RDKB to continue to deliver the current level of service.
2. There will be a tax increase to those constituents who live in, or who live elsewhere, but own property in the service area.

Advancement of Strategic Planning Goals

Exceptional Cost Effective and Efficient Services

- We will distinguish between those services that are "core" and discretionary
- We will review and measure service performance
- We will ensure we are responsible and proactive in funding our services

Background Information Provided

1. Proposed Service Establishment Amendment Bylaw 1663
2. Grand Forks and District Transit Service Local Service Establishment Bylaw No. 672
3. Financial Backup (2017-2021 Five Year Plan, 2018-2022 Five Year Plan, BC Assessment Values and Estimated Budget, BC Assessment Hospital Taxable and Converted Values)

Alternatives

1. Receive staff report and take no further action
2. Refer back to staff
3. Approve First, Second and Third Readings

Recommendation(s)

That Regional District of Kootenay Boundary Grand Forks and District Transit Service Local Service Establishment Amendment Bylaw No. 1663, 2018 be given First, Second and Third Readings.

