

# Request for Decision



To: Committee of the Whole  
From: **Corporate Services**  
Date: December 10, 2018  
Subject: RDKB – Aquatic Center Requisition Increase  
Recommendation: **THAT Council receives the report regarding the Aquatic Center service for discussion purposes.**

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## Background

The RDKB has asked the City to consent to RDKB Bylaw No 1682, an amendment to increase the maximum requisition amount from \$625,000 to \$781,250 for the Aquatic Center Service.

This is an increase of 25%. The overall requested change in this case is \$156,250, and the City's portion of this overall increase is estimated at \$88,500.

This \$88,500 represents approximately 6% of the RDKB annual requisition.

The average \$200,000 house within the City of Grand Forks will see an increase in annual taxation of roughly \$25 per year.

The last increase to the requisition amount was in 2013 and at that time the adjustment was also a 25% increase. (from \$500,000 to \$625,000).

The requisition increase is requested due to maintenance and operational cost increases but also to allow for a capital upgrade for the pool decking that is currently estimated at around \$600,000.

Please see the attached documents for further detail and reasoning from RDKB staff why the requisition limits are desired to be adjusted.

At the October 9, 2018 COTW meeting, Council resolved to defer the item for further discussion to the COTW meeting on December 10, 2018, so that RDKB staff can be invited to attend and discuss this item with the incoming Council.

The RDKB has indicated that Tom Sprado (Manager of the Recreation Complex in Grand Forks) and Deputy CAO James Chandler will be attending the December 10, 2018, COTW meeting to discuss this item with Council.

The RDKB also submitted the 5 year budget and year to date budgets for the Aquatic Center Service for discussion purposes; as well as an excerpt from the Local Government Act regarding the requisition limit increases allowed.

If Council determines to approve the request to increase the requisition amount, the following resolution will be necessary at a Regular Meeting of Council:

***THAT the Municipal Council for the Corporation of the City of Grand Forks consents to the Regional District of Kootenay Boundary Board of Directors adopting Bylaw No. 1682 being the “Regional District of Kootenay Boundary Grand Forks and District Aquatic Centre Service Amendment Bylaw No. 1682, 2018.”***

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## Benefits or Impacts

### General

### Strategic Impact



#### Community Engagement

- Partnership with the RDKB to deliver the service



#### Community Livability

- The aquatic center is a key benefit to community livability



#### Economic Growth

- Amenities such as the Aquatic Center are vital for the economic growth of the community



#### Fiscal Responsibility

- The proposed 25% increase to the service will, on a \$200,000 house, see an increase of roughly \$25.

### Policy/Legislation

RDKB Aquatic Center service establishment bylaw No 685

## Attachments

8 files submitted by the RDKB regarding the consent for Bylaw 1682

- RDKB Bylaw 685
- RDKB Bylaw 1682 – awaiting consent from the City of GF
- RDKB Bylaw 1682 – Consent from Area D
- RDKB Bylaw 1682 – RDKB staff report statutory requirements
- RDKB staff report regarding aquatic center

- RDKB request for consent
  - Aquatic Center Budget
  - Regional District Establishing Bylaw Approval Exemption Regulation (LGA)
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### **Recommendation**

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### **Options**

1. THAT Committee of the Whole accepts the report.
2. THAT Committee of the Whole does not accept the report.
3. THAT Committee of the Whole refers the matter back to staff for further information.