



REGIONAL DISTRICT of Fraser-Fort George

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2024 BUDGET REPORT FOR CONSIDERATION

TO: Chair and Directors, Committee of the Whole File No.: BUD 1.0

FROM: Blaine Harasimiuk, Manager of Inspection Services and Sustainability Practices

DATE: November 9, 2023

SUBJECT: Untidy and Unsightly Premises – 2201

SUMMARY: Purpose: Consider and Approve Budget and Five-Year Financial Plan

Attachments:

1. 2024 Proposed Budget
2. 2024 – 2028 Financial Plan

RECOMMENDATION(S):

1. THAT the report be received.
2. THAT the 2024 budget for Untidy and Unsightly Premises be approved.
3. THAT the 2024 – 2028 Financial Plan for Untidy and Unsightly Premises be approved.

ENTITLEMENT	HOW VOTE COUNTED
All 1 Director/1 vote	Majority
All Electoral Areas Weighted	Majority
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SERVICE DESCRIPTION:

Under Unsightly Premises Regulatory Service Conversion Bylaw No. 3186, 2020 and the *Local Government Act*, regulation of unsightly premises has been in place in the Regional District since 1970. Unsightly Premises Regulation Bylaw No. 3194 was adopted by Board in 2020 as a replacement for previous regulations. The *Local Government Act* can also be used to rectify a situation directly where premises become a nuisance as declared by Board, or there is an unsafe structure requiring repair or demolition.

Regulation compliance is a complaint driven program. Upon receipt of a complaint, it is investigated and typically compliance is achieved voluntarily through direct contact with the property owner/occupant. If compliance cannot be achieved through education and persuasion, the Bylaw Enforcement Officer has various compliance options through the Bylaw Enforcement Policy such as bylaw enforcement notices (tickets) or compliance orders. For more serious situations, the matter comes before the Board for authorization to either resolve the issue through direct enforcement provisions, at cost to the owner, or to seek some form of legal action.

In addition to unsightly premises, Bylaw Enforcement Services also assists in achieving compliance with land use planning regulations, building inspection and other miscellaneous regulations.

STRATEGIC ALIGNMENT:

- ☐ Climate Action ☐ Economic Health ☐ Indigenous Relations ☒ Strong Communities
- ☐ None – Statutory or Routine Business

SERVICE DETAILS:

Participants: All Electoral Areas
Requisition Limit: None
Debt Balance: None

SERVICE WORKPLAN:

- Achieving regulatory compliance in a timely fashion through persuasive intervention with minimal requirement for legal action where necessary.
- In accordance with Regional District Bylaw Enforcement Policy, continue to respond to complaints upon receipt.
- Increase Remediation Reserve to ensure that funds are available if enforcement action is required without negatively impacting the annual operating budget.
- Use of the bylaw notice enforcement system in accordance with the *Local Government Bylaw Notice Enforcement Act*.
- Secure a contract with a collections agency to recover unpaid bylaw enforcement notices (tickets).

2024 CAPITAL PROJECTS OF NOTE:

N/A

OVERALL FINANCIAL IMPACT:

	2023	2024	\$ Change	% Change
Total Expenditure:	\$ 292,604	\$ 257,290	\$ (35,314)	(12.1 %)
Requisition:	\$ 244,494	\$ 254,280	\$ 9,786	4.0 %

BUDGET INFLUENCES/SIGNIFICANT VARIANCES:

- Salaries increased between 2023 and 2024 due to approved Collective Agreement (2022 to 2024) in 2023. No new positions are planned in 2024.
- There is a noticeable decrease in expense from 2023 to 2024 mainly due to the purchase of a new vehicle in 2023. No new vehicles are planned for 2024.

Respectfully submitted,

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