

# From the Bear Pit

Regional Council Newsletter

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## Purpose of Municipal Budget

A municipal budget serves as a policy document, financial plan, and operations guide to achieve Municipal priorities as identified by Council.

The budget consists of operating & capital revenues and expenses as well outlines council direction regarding financial matters such as reserve levels, grant usage, and debt servicing.

## Preliminary Budget Preparation

In preparation of the preliminary budget the following principles were used:

- ◆ Maintain existing service levels
- ◆ Continue to identify and incorporate operational efficiencies
- ◆ Improve customer service
- ◆ Continue investment into priority infrastructure through the NRRM contributions to the IDCA Program
- ◆ Creating enhanced transparency and accountability

## 2019 Budget Public Engagement Opportunity

Keep your eyes open for Public Engagement opportunity coming mid February (tentatively set for February 13th).



## Fort Nelson Public Library Reserve Fund

Regional Council approved Fort Nelson Public Library's requested \$11,680 to be drawn from their Library Reserve Fund in the 2019 budget year for the completion of renovations to the Fort Nelson Public Library. [More Information](#)



## Rehabilitation of Runway 08-26

Regional Council approved that an application be submitted to the Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program-British Columbia-Rural and Northern Communities Infrastructure (RNC) to fund up to

100% of eligible costs, of a proposed budget of up to \$13,055,239 for the rehabilitation of Runway 08-26. [More information](#)



## 2019 Budget Process



### Also of note...

- Regional Council approved the transfer of \$57,000 from the Theatre Reserve Fund to the Phoenix Theatre to ensure operational cash flow as their bookkeeping transitions to an independent system. [More information](#)
- Regional Council approved a proposal to be presented to Dr. Omolola Oketona and Dr. Tim Oketona requesting a monthly lease of \$600 (excluding utilities) for the home located at 5215 Hallmark Crescent. [More information](#)
- Regional Council confirmed the formation of a Tourism Advisory Committee and weighed options in establishing the members. [More information](#)
- Regional Council discussed options for the review of the Zoning Bylaws including the policies and regulations. [More information](#)
- Regional Council approved that the Ice Plant Equipment Replacement Budget be awarded to Cimco Refrigeration for the contract price of \$1,232,703 plus applicable taxes. [More information](#)
- Regional Council received Official Community Plan (OCP) Amendment (4604 Boundary Rd) [Bylaw No. 167, 2018](#) & Zoning Amendment (4604 Boundary Rd) [Bylaw No. 168, 2018](#) for 3rd reading and adoption.
- Regional Council approved to support an application from the Fort Nelson Events Society to the Northern Development Initiative Trust's Fabulous Festivals and Events Program in the amount of \$5,000 to come from their northeast regional account to help fund the Northern Lights Festival. [More information](#)

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