



**REGIONAL DISTRICT OF BULKLEY-NECHAKO
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
SUPPLEMENTARY AGENDA**

Thursday, January 3, 2019

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To: Chair Thiessen and Board of Directors
From: John Illes, Chief Financial Officer
Date: December 20, 2018
Re: Changes to Remuneration Bylaws – Implementation Details

The Remuneration bylaw for directors will be implemented on January 1, 2019. Staff will change the remuneration forms and if you have any questions concerning the changes payroll staff will be happy to assist.

In the new remuneration bylaw, the meal expense reimbursement process has changed. There are two different sets of rates, one within the Highway 16 corridor and one outside the Highway 16 corridor. For clarity, the Highway 16 Corridor includes all areas in BC North of Quesnel but not municipalities in Northeastern BC (such as Fort St. John) nor municipalities on Highway 37.

Within the Highway 16 corridor directors will be reimbursed for the actual cost of meals while you are travelling. Please save and include your receipts to attach to your monthly remuneration form.

Outside of the Highway 16 Corridor such as in Vancouver or Victoria the claiming process for meals is the same as 2018.

In January, directors will be able to claim a portion of laptops or tablets for reimbursement. This expense may be considered a taxable benefit. Computers are fully depreciated after three years by the finance department. Therefore, if the directors have had the computer for a full three years before the end of the current term there will be no taxable benefit. The same policy applies to cell phones.

Please see the financial department if you have any questions.

Recommendation:

(All/Directors/Majority)

"That the Committee of the Whole receive the Chief Financial Officer's memo dated December 20, 2018 titled 'Changes to Remuneration Bylaws – Implementation Details.'"



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To: Chair Thiessen and Board of Directors
From: John Illes, Chief Financial Officer
Date: January 2, 2019
Re: Completed Assessment Roll Update

The completed assessment roll was related to local governments on December 31, 2018. This roll forms the basis for taxation on real property for the 2019 calendar year.

Attached to this memo are the completed rolls for the Regional District as a whole followed by each electoral area and then by each member municipality.

The assessment comparison indicates that the total assessment for the regional district has increased by 5.16% (or 5.94% for residential properties). Of this amount 3.69% is made up of an increase in property assessments (or 4.42% for only residential properties) and 1.47% was made up of non-market changes (or 1.52% for residential properties).

Non-market changes are usually due to the construction of new dwellings or industries but this can also include changes brought about by rezoning or the creation of new properties due to subdivision or crown grants.

One way to consider the non-market change of 1.47% is that if the Regional District were to requisition 1.47% more in funds then there would be no change in total dollar taxation for the "average" resident. That is the new owners of the "new construction" would contribute this additional 1.47%.

One way to consider the market change is that if the Regional District maintained the same tax rate then an additional 3.69% of total funds will be collected. This 3.69% would be collected from the "average taxpayer" as the additional tax they would be required to pay because their assessments increased by 3.69%.

Please note that the percentage changes are calculated for net hospital taxable values as this is what the Regional District utilizes for taxation purposes. Therefore, the percentage change for municipal taxation purposes will be slightly different.

The total assessments for taxation purposes is \$4.344 Billion.

Recommendation:

(All/Directors/Majority)

"That the Committee of the Whole receive the Chief Financial Officer's memo dated January 2, 2019 titled 'Completed Assessment Roll Update.'"



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December 21, 2018

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REGIONAL DISTRICT
OF BULKLEY - NECHAKO

Dear Mr. Miller:

Thank you for your letter of November 2, 2018, regarding road rescue bylaws, Search and Rescue, and scheduling a debrief for the 2018 wildfire event.

I have been informed by Emergency Management BC (EMBC) that they have initiated reimbursement for all road rescue calls that occurred from the date when the bylaw was rescinded. They will continue to issue task numbers and provide reimbursement for all road rescue services that are outside of your defined jurisdiction.

We understand that you have scheduled a debrief of your 2018 wildfire event and that you are receiving up to \$90,000 in financial support for this important activity. EMBC will fully participate and will assist in coordinating the attendance of other provincial representatives as you determine appropriate.

I thank you for your support and interest in a long term sustainable funding for Search and Rescue. We continue to make progress towards this goal and will keep communities advised as developments occur.

Thank you again for taking the time to write.

Sincerely,

Jennifer Rice
Parliamentary Secretary for Emergency Preparedness

pc: Ms. Madeline Maley, Assistant Deputy Minister