

Request for Decision

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Subject 2022/2023 Columbia Valley & Elk Valley Annual Operating Agreement

REQUEST

Authorize signing the 2022/2023 Annual Operating Agreement with BC Transit for operation of the Columbia Valley and Elk Valley Transit services.

OPTIONS

1. THAT the Chair and CAO be authorized to sign the 2022/2023 Annual Operating Agreement with BC Transit for operation of the Columbia Valley and Elk Valley Transit services.
2. THAT BC Transit be requested to make the following revisions to the 2022/2023 Annual Operating Agreement for operation of the Columbia Valley and Elk Valley Transit services: _____.

RECOMMENDATION

Option 1.

BACKGROUND/ANALYSIS

Attached is the 2022/2023 Annual Operating Agreement (AOA) for the Columbia Valley and Elk Valley Transit services for the period April 1, 2022 – March 31, 2023. The AOA outlines the service levels, revenue projections and cost structure for the systems. The language contained in the AOA is regularly reviewed and updated to reflect any material changes to the funding model or other special circumstances.

SPECIFIC CONSIDERATIONS

Financial

The RDEK's share of costs shown in the AOA is in line with the 2022 Financial Plan and while BC Transit is faced with challenges associated with fuel price volatility which accounts for 6% of their total budget, they are now beginning to emerge from two years of pandemic restrictions, and are focused on the goal of recovering ridership and delivering new initiatives such as Automatic Vehicle Location technology through the NextRide program.

Changes to the 2022/2023 AOA involves the removal of language related to the Operating Reserve and reflects the full utilization of any remaining operating reserves in the 2021-22 fiscal year. In addition, the Free Transit 12 and Under (FT12U) program is continuing in 2022/2023.