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Financial Plan Summary

Attached for review is a draft five-year financial plan. Included is a summary showing overall changes from 2019 and identifying larger items impacting the operating budget. Following that is a spreadsheet summarizing the impacts on taxation (requisition) broken down by jurisdiction. These requisition figures are not an invoice to municipalities, but rather a tax levy on municipal properties for RDEK services that are collected on behalf of the RDEK. As a regional district, we are not a taxing authority; we rely on municipalities and the Province to collect property taxes from our constituents within their respective jurisdictions.

Tax changes for each jurisdiction vary depending on the Services in which they participate, and the tax requirements of those Services. Apportionment among participants is also affected by changes in assessed values. Where assessments increase in one area and decrease in another, taxation will shift to those areas with increasing assessed values.

Individual Service Budgets

Following the summary are separate budgets for each RDEK Service, along with budget summary memos for most Services to be reviewed at the February 13, 2020 Committee meetings. Each Service stands alone financially, and all funds collected for a Service remain with it. Unless otherwise noted, the 2019 surplus for each service is carried forward to support 2020 expenditures. The amount of the surplus impacts the amount of taxation required in 2020. You will note this effect referenced in many of the budget memos, under 'CFO Comments.'

The Services to be reviewed in each Committee meeting are bookmarked on that Committee's agenda.

Salaries

As part of the process for each Service to track expenses separately, staff who work on multiple Services (which is most of us) code their time out on their weekly timesheets so that salaries are charged to the Services we spend time on. During the financial plan process, we try to forecast which Services our time will be spent on in the coming year. As a result of the difference between our predictions and the reality in the year, there will be variances, with some Services being over budget for salaries, and others under.