**Issue Introduction**
A Staff Report from Mark Daines, Manager of Facilities and Recreation regarding a proposal to approve a bylaw that would increase the requisition limit for the Art, Culture and Recreation for the Lower Columbia Service.

**History/Background Factors**
Since 2012, the Culture, Arts & Recreation for the Lower Columbia Service (018) has been operating within the requisition limit of $730,830. Over the last 6 years, all improvements and operations have been maintained without any increase to the requisition. However, with the increasing operation costs due to inflation and the future capital improvements required to maintain the Greater Trail Community Centre under the Culture, Arts and Recreation for the Lower Columbia Service we are asking for an increase of 25% to the current requisition limit for the next 5 years.

Every 5 years the RDKB has the ability to increase the Requisition up to 25%, with approval from all participants.

**Implications**
The considered requisition limit would increase from $730,000 to $913,537. The Requisition amount being proposed to meet the 2019 Budget is estimated at $794,000 pending year end final numbers.

Increasing the requisition limit provides financial capacity for subsequent budget increases over following 4 years and does not mean that budgeted will be at $913,537 over the next 5 years. With infancy of RDKB capital asset management plan and understanding additional future maintenance repair costs may be around corner, this approach ensures there is reasonable in place decisions within year period.

**Advancement of Strategic Planning Goals**
The creation of a new 5 year Financial Plan and Work Plan ensures that we are responsible and pro-active in funding our services and that plans are developed to address aging infrastructure. Adopting the 25% increase to the requisition follows this approach providing future financial capacity.

Two of the capital projects planned for Greater Trail Community Centre in 2019 is upgrading the fly system in the Theatre with a shared amount $150,000 with District Arts Council also contributing $150,000. And in addition, upgrading the elevator at a cost of $27,000.

**Background Information Provided**
See attached Bylaw No. 1708 which will amend Bylaw No. 1446,2010.

As per Provincial legislation, the Regional District can increase the requisition amount up to 25% every 5 years, with the approval of member participants. Should a second increase within 5 years, or an increase above 25% be considered then a referendum and Provincial approval would be required.

**Alternatives**
1. Operate the Greater Trail Community Centre within current requisition limit of $730,830. Reduce the number of capital projects, and or, reduce the contribution amount to the reserve. This step is not recommended as it does not address essential projects and plan for future costs.

2. Increase the requisition by 25% and provide further direction to staff to amend the budget.

**Recommendation(s)**
That Regional District of Kootenay Boundary Culture, Arts and Recreation for the Lower Columbia Service Establishment Amendment Bylaw No. 1708, 2019 be read a first and second time.

That Regional District of Kootenay Boundary Culture, Arts and Recreation for the Lower Columbia Service Establishment Amendment Bylaw No. 1707, 2019 be read a third time.