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## #279 Elk Valley Royal Canadian Air Cadets – Mess Dinner

The District of Elkford will be represented at the organization's April Mess Dinner in Fernie.

## **Audited 2017 Financial Statements**

Each year, the District's Financial Services Department prepares and presents audited financial statements to Council. Council accepted the audited financial statements for the year ended December 31, 2017. These statements will be incorporated into the 2018 Annual Report.

## **Purchase of Carbon Offsets**

The Province's Climate Action Revenue Incentive Program (CARIP) was initiated in 2008 to offset carbon tax paid by local governments who have committed to the goal of becoming carbon neutral in their corporate operations. The District of Elkford signed the Climate Action Charter in 2008, and in doing so, committed the District to become carbon neutral. Annually purchasing carbon offsets is one means by which carbon neutrality is achieved. The District of Elkford has established an Energy Conservation Reserve Fund that is used toward carbon footprint-reducing measures with the District's operations.

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