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## **2019 Business Plan Bouchie Lake Fire Protection (1323)**

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***Working in partnership with communities, large and small, to make the Cariboo Chilcotin a socially, economically and environmentally desirable region to live, work and play.***

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### **Department/Function Services**



The Bouchie Lake Volunteer Fire Department, authorized by Bylaw No. 2539 (1991), was established as a function of the Cariboo Regional District in 1976 by means of a referendum assented to by the property owners within the local service area. Bouchie Lake Fire Protection is funded by a taxation rate applied against the assessed value of land and improvements within the local service area. The maximum taxation rate that can be collected is the greater of \$99,500 or \$2.75/\$1,000 of assessed value.

The Bouchie Lake Volunteer Fire Department provides fire protection, first responder and ice rescue services to properties within the fire protection area. They also have a blanket mutual aid agreement with all of the other CRD and municipal fire departments in the North Cariboo.

The following fire apparatus is registered and licensed as part of this fire protection service:

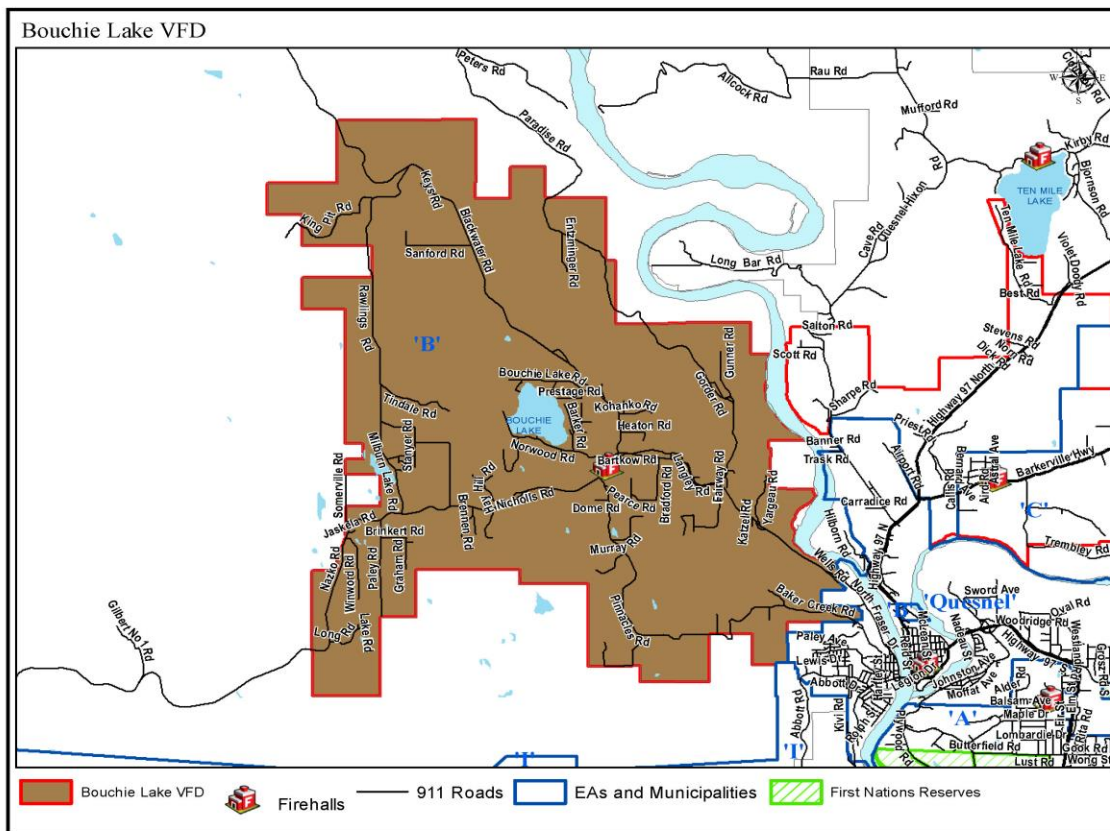
Engine 11 – 2002 Freightliner, 1000 gallon water capacity with 850 gpm pump (*replace by 2027*)

Tender 11 – 1997 Freightliner, 2000 gallon water capacity with 250 gpm pump

Tender 12 – 2007 Freightliner, 2000 gallon water capacity (*replace by 2037*)

Rescue 11 – 1997 Ford Crew cab

As Electoral Area B is the only stakeholder, and the *Local Government Act* requires more than one vote, the entire Board is responsible for the governance of this service.



## Business Plan Goals, Rationale & Strategies

### 2019 Goals

1. **Goal:** Install concrete pad in front of Milburn Hall.  
**Rationale:** To eliminate maintenance of gravel entry.  
**Strategy:** Use \$15,000.
2. **Goal:** Replace two sets of turn out gear.  
**Rationale:** Replace a few sets each year to meet the NFPA requirement of a ten-year lifespan for all turn out gear.  
**Strategy:** Use \$5,600.
3. **Goal:** Replace 6 radios.  
**Rationale:** Ensure reliable communication, safety and timely emergency response.  
**Strategy:** Use \$18,000.
4. **Goal:** Hall and grounds improvements; hydro pole, fencing, replace man door.  
**Rationale:** Site maintenance & improvements needed for safety and functionality.  
**Strategy:** Use \$15,000.

5.     **Goal:** Replace 8 SCBA masks.  
       **Rationale:** Need to replace masks for safety and sanitary reasons.  
       **Strategy:** Use \$20,000.

## **2020 Goal**

- Goal:** Replace 6 radios (replacing a few at a time).  
**Rationale:** Ensure reliable communication.  
**Strategy:** Use operating funds.

## **Significant Issues & Trends**

The new BC Fire Service Training Playbook was introduced by the Office of the Fire Commissioner which set out new training and response standards for all structural firefighting departments in British Columbia. CRD departments have been working to ensure that all of their previous training has been properly documented, as required by the Playbook, and that any shortfalls in training are addressed as quickly as possible. The minimum standard for all CRD volunteer fire departments must be exterior firefighting capacity with standards above that being at the discretion and ability of each department to achieve.

## **Measuring Previous Years Performance**

- Goal:** Install concrete pad in front of Milburn Hall.  
- Carried forward to 2019.

- Goal:** Install new exhaust system in apparatus bay.  
- Completed.

- Goal:** Improve fire hall (sign and man-door).  
- Sign completed, door carried forward to 2019.