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## **2019 Business Plan Lac La Hache Fire Protection (1324)**

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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**



Lac La Hache Fire Protection, authorized by Bylaw No. 2694 (1992), 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. Lac La Hache Fire Protection was amended in 2008 by Bylaw No. 4460. Lac La Hache 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 \$60,000 or \$2.64/\$1,000 of assessed value.

The Lac La Hache Volunteer Fire Department provides fire protection services only.

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

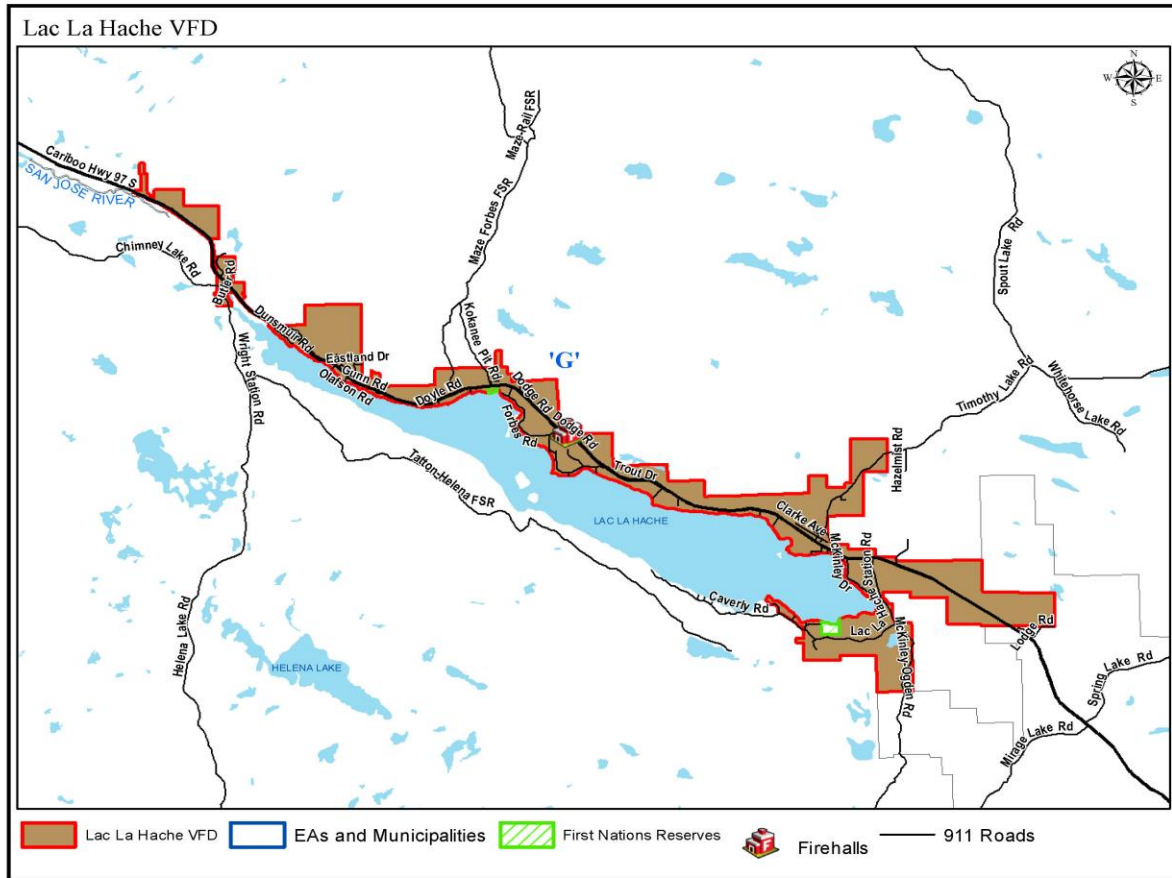
Engine 11 – 1996 Spartan 600 gallon (w/foam) capacity (*replace by 2021*)

Engine 12 – 1996 Ford with 800 gallon water capacity (*not a primary vehicle – no set replacement date*)

Tender 11 – 2008 Kenworth with 1700 gallon water capacity (*replace by 2038*)

Tender 12 – 1998 International with 1700 gallon water capacity (*not a primary vehicle – no set replacement date*)

As the Director for Electoral Area G 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 new energy efficient windows in the fire hall.  
**Rationale:** Final step in recent energy upgrades.  
**Strategy:** Use \$3,000 Community Works Funds.
2. **Goal:** Build capital reserve funds.  
**Rationale:** Engine due for replacement in 2021.  
**Strategy:** Place \$20,000/year in reserve for scheduled engine replacement.

### 2020 Goal

**Goal:** Place order for new engine, for delivery in early 2021.  
**Rationale:** New engine required to maintain Fire Underwriters Survey certification.  
**Strategy:** Use capital and lease funds to purchase.

## **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 new energy efficient windows in the fire hall.

- Carried forward to 2019.

**Goal:** Install exhaust system in truck bays.

- Completed.