



building communities together

2019 Business Plan 150 Mile Fire Protection (1327)

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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.

Department/Function Services



The 150 Mile Volunteer Fire Department, authorized by Bylaw No.'s 3897 (2004), 3940 (2004), and 4088 (2005), was established as a function of the Cariboo Regional District in 1982. 150 Mile 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 applied is the greater of \$125,000 or \$1.28/\$1,000 of assessed value.

The 150 Mile Volunteer Fire Department provides fire protection and first responder services to the properties located within the fire protection boundaries of this service.

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

Duty Truck – 2008 Ford F350 Extended Cab

Engine 14 – 1997 Ford with a 750 gpm pump, 300 gallon water capacity

Engine 11 – 2003 Freightliner with a 1050 gpm pump, 1000 gallon water capacity (*replace by 2026*)

Rescue 15 - 1995 Spartan (*replace 2020*)

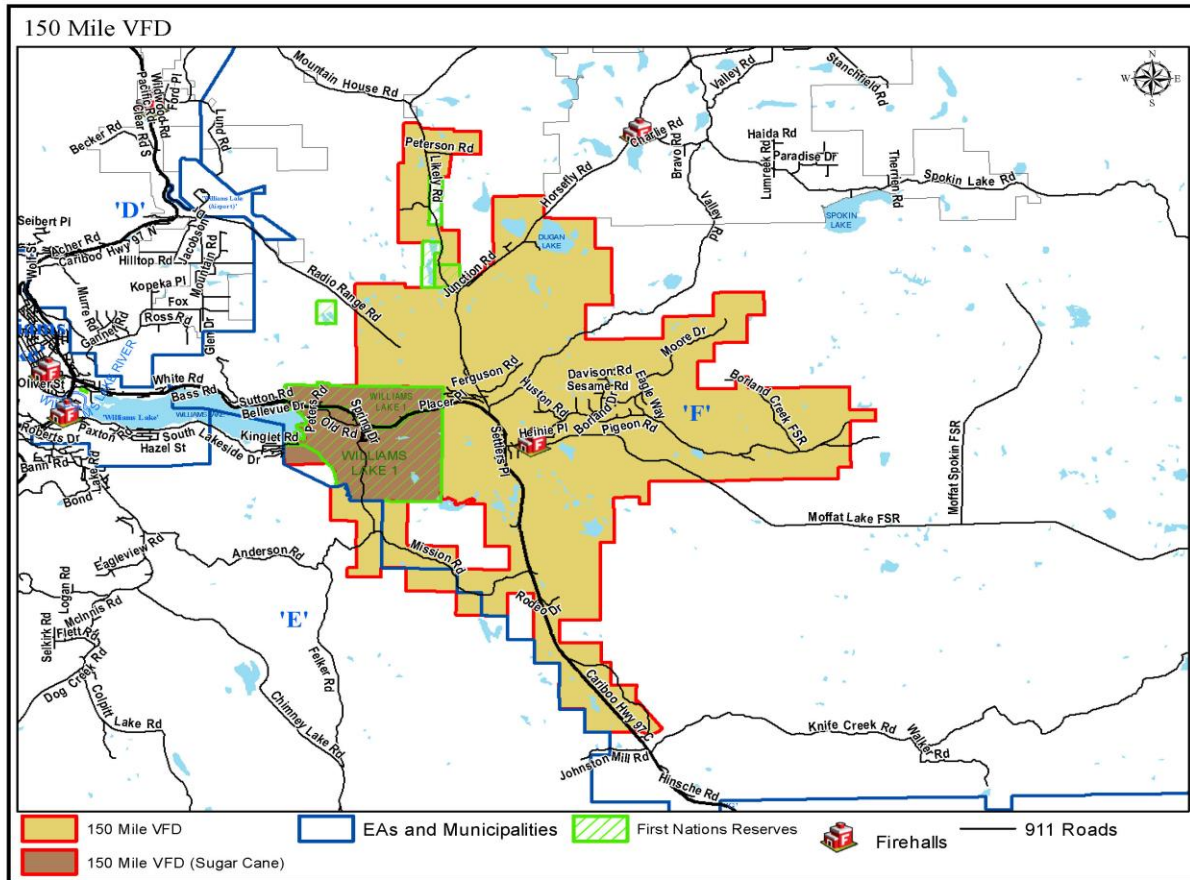
Engine 12 – 2006 Freightliner (Tender)

Tender 15 - 1990 Ford

Tender 11 – 1978 Ford with a 225 gpm pump, 1500 gallon water capacity

Tender 12 – 2010 International with a 1700 gallon tank (*replace by 2040*)

The Directors for Electoral Areas E and F are responsible for the governance of this function.



Business Plan Goals, Rationale & Strategies

2019 Goals

1. **Goal:** Williams Lake Indian Band Hall 2 integration into fire protection service.
Rationale: Partnership with the Williams Lake Indian Band and a Hall #2 located along Highway 97 will increase fire protection capacity for all affected residents.
Strategy: Negotiate a suitable arrangement with the Williams Lake Indian Band.
2. **Goal:** Install dry hydrant.
Rationale: Ensure strategically located water supply for fire protection response.
Strategy: Use \$11,500.
3. **Goal:** Upgrade hall electrical system.
Rationale: System upgrade and repairs required.
Strategy: Use \$12,000.

4. **Goal:** Training ground improvements, cold smoke machine.
Rationale: Fire suppression training and skills maintenance required to meet playbook standards.
Strategy: Use \$10,000.

2020 Goals

1. **Goal:** Purchase generator.
Rationale: Ensure back-up power source for extended power failures.
Strategy: Identify funding source for emergency power backup.
2. **Goal:** Purchase a tender truck.
Rationale: Increase water capacity.
Strategy: Use capital reserve funds.
3. **Goal:** Radio systems upgrades and improvements.
Rationale: Improve communications systems.
Strategy: Use operating funds.
4. **Goal:** Purchase cascade system cylinders.
Rationale: Cascade system is used for filling SCBA cylinders.
Strategy: Use operating funds.
5. **Goal:** Repair and seal coat facility parking lot.
Rationale: Wildfire 2017 wear and tear caused ruts, maintenance needed.
Strategy: Look for opportunities to cost share with 150 Mile Community Club.
6. **Goal:** Increase callout rate to \$30 and practice rate to \$20.
Rationale: Support recruitment and retention strategy.
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: Williams Lake Indian Band integration into fire protection service.

- In progress – November 2018, carry over to 2019 as part of mid-term plan.

Goal: Complete a SWOT analysis/strategic plan for the 150 Mile VFD.

- Cancelled.

Goal: Increase/improve water capacity.

- Completed.