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2019 Business Plan Barlow Creek Fire Protection (1330)

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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 Barlow Creek Volunteer Fire Department, authorized by Bylaw No. 2339 (1989), was established as a function of the Cariboo Regional District in 1987 by means of a referendum assented to by the property owners within the local service area. Barlow Creek Fire Protection was amended in 1998 by Bylaw No. 3375. Barlow Creek Fire Protection is funded by means of a tax rate applied against the assessed value of improvements only and a parcel tax rate of \$25. The maximum requisition for this function is the greater of \$78,000 or a tax rate of \$2.55/\$1,000 of assessed value.

The Barlow Creek Volunteer Fire Department provides fire protection services within the fire protection area covered by this service.

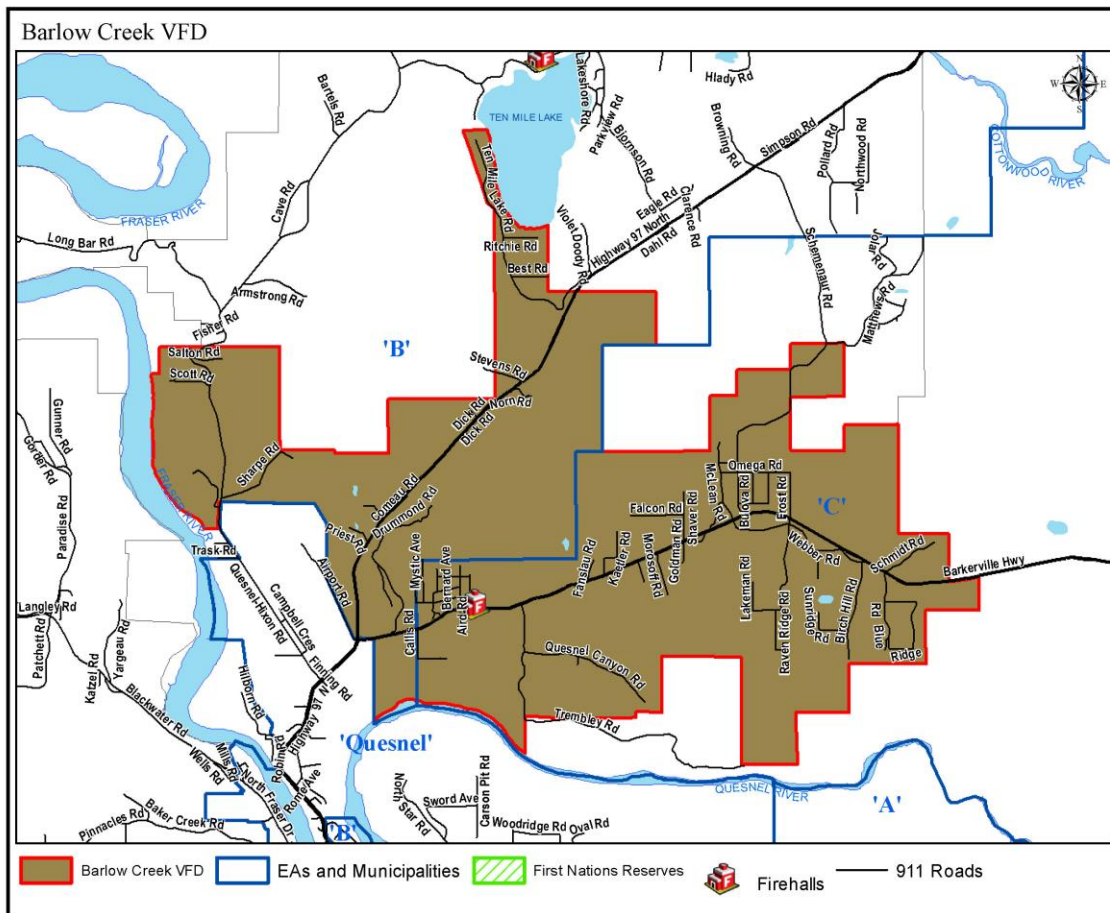
The following fire apparatus is registered and licensed as part of this fire protection service:

Engine 11 – 1995 Freightliner (*to be replaced by 2020*)

Tender 11 – 2005 Kenworth (*to be replaced by 2035*)

Crew 11 – 1994 Ford, Crew cab

As the Director for Electoral Area C is the only stakeholder, and because 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:** Eliminate deficit.
Rationale: Regional Districts are not permitted to deficit budget.
Strategy: Increase taxation to a sufficient level to eliminate the deficit that was accumulated in 2017.
2. **Goal:** Purchase Thermal Imaging Camera (TIC) to aid response.
Rationale: Support responders with appropriate safety equipment and tools.
Strategy: Use \$11,000.
3. **Goal:** Repair upstairs man door as part of facility maintenance planning.
Rationale: Improve and maintain facility in line with CRD asset management plan.
Strategy: Use \$1,400.

2020 Goals

1. **Goal:** Purchase new fire engine.
 Rationale: Replace Engine 11 and sell it when the new one arrives.
 Strategy: Use capital and lease funds to purchase.

2. **Goal:** Purchase generator for hall.
 Rational: To provide back-up power during extended power failures.
 Strategy: Identify funding source for emergency power backup.

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 eco-exhaust system in apparatus bays.
- Completed.