



building communities together

2019 Business Plan West Fraser Fire Protection (1331)

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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 West Fraser Volunteer Fire Department, authorized by Bylaw No. 2500 (1991), was established as a function of the Cariboo Regional District in 1990 by means of a referendum assented to by the property owners within the local service area. West Fraser Fire Protection was amended in 2008 by Bylaw No. 4458. West Fraser 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 \$38,500 or \$2.84/\$1,000 of assessed value.

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

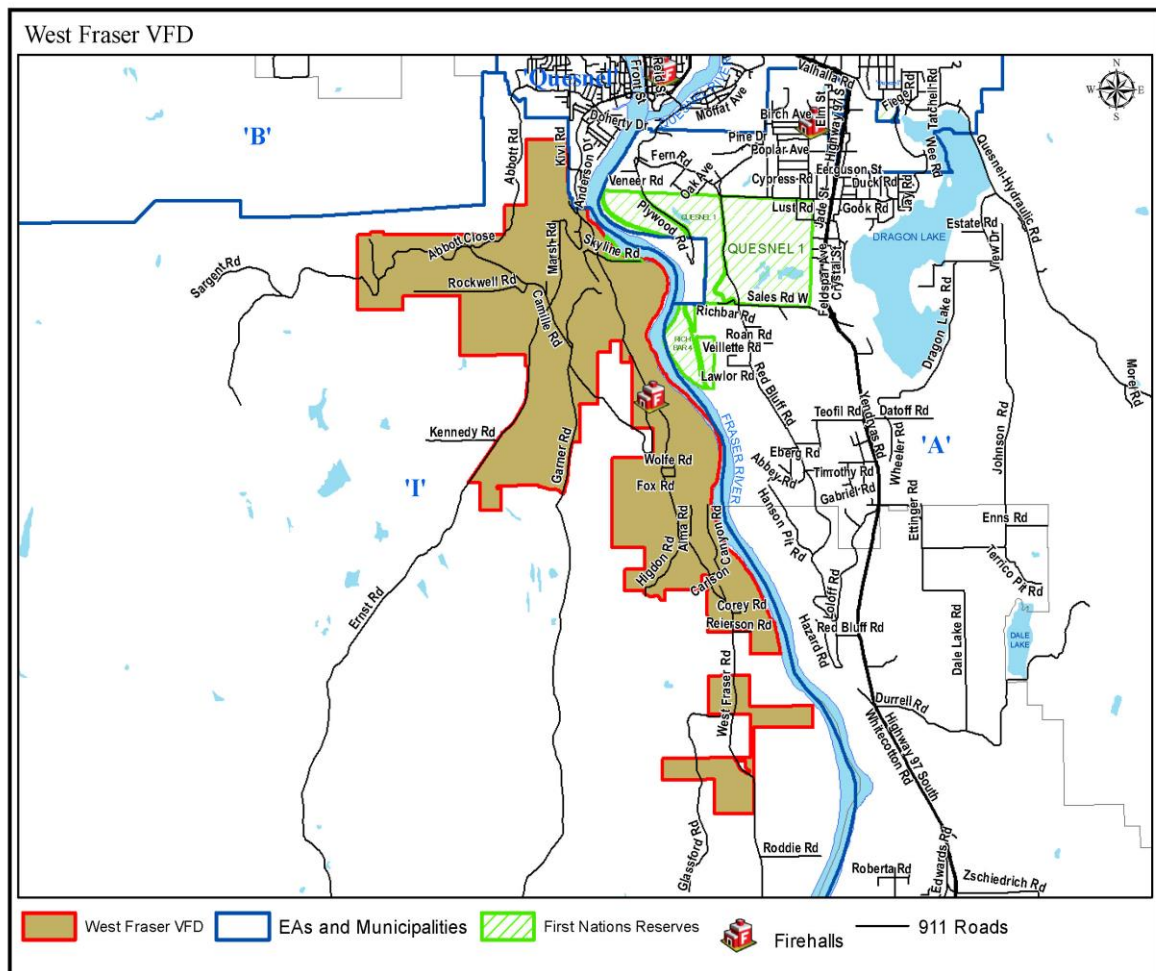
The following fire apparatus is registered and licensed as part of this fire protection service:

Engine 11 – 1996 Freightliner, 1000 gallon water capacity with a 1050 gpm pump (*replace by 2021*)

Tender 11 – 2000 Freightliner, 2600 gallon water capacity (*replace by 2030*)

Squad 11 – 1994 GMC with 160 gallon water capacity (bush truck)

As the Director for Electoral Area I 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:** Build reserves for engine purchase.
Rationale: Engine replacement scheduled for 2021.
Strategy: Transfer surplus operating funds to capital reserve.
2. **Goal:** Repair concrete pad in front of firehall.
Rationale: Pad requires repair/replacement, it is broken and sinking.
Strategy: Use \$15,000.
3. **Goal:** Replace a few sets of turn out gear.
Rationale: Need to replace a few sets at a time, ten-year lifespan on turn out gear.
Strategy: Use up to \$8,000.

4. **Goal:** Install exhaust system.
Rationale: To meet WorkSafe BC requirements.
Strategy: Use \$25,000 Community Works funds.

2020 Goal

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

2021 Goal

Goal: Purchase new engine.
Rationale: This is a requirement to maintain Fire Underwriters Survey Certification.
Strategy: Use capital reserve 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: Build reserves for engine purchase.
- Ongoing.

Goal: Increase the volume of water that can be processed through the pump on Engine 11.
- Complete.