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2019 Business Plan Wildwood Fire Protection (1365)

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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 Wildwood Volunteer Fire Department, authorized by Bylaw No. 1913 (1986) and Bylaw No. 2319 (1989), was established as a function of the Cariboo Regional District by means of a referendum assented to by the property owners within the local service area. Wildwood Fire Protection was amended in 2008 by Bylaw No. 4435. Wildwood 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 \$34,325 or \$3.71/\$1,000 of assessed value.

The Wildwood 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:

Engine 11 – 1996 GMC (*replace by 2021*)

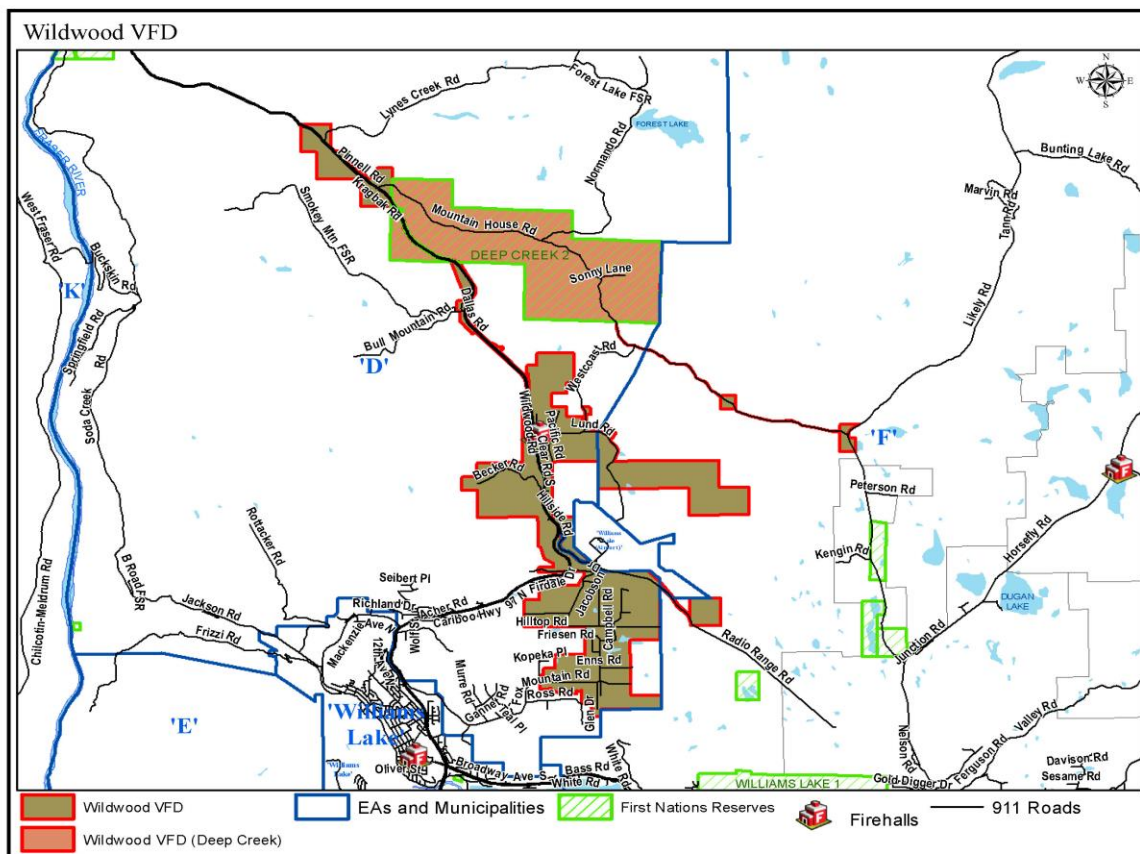
Tender 11 – 1980 International, 1700 Imp. Gallon capacity

Tender 12 – 2008 International, 1700 Imp. Gallon capacity (*replace by 2038*)

Rescue 11 – 1997 Ford (ambulance)

Tender 13 – Freightliner, 1700 Imp. Gallon capacity

The Directors for Electoral Areas D and F are responsible for the governance of this service.



Business Plan Goals, Rationale & Strategies

2018 Goals

1. **Goal:** Purchase a used crew cab with box.
Rationale: To transport personnel and equipment for fire and FR response.
Strategy: Use up to \$25,000 to purchase a good used vehicle.
2. **Goal:** Continue with next phase of training ground development.
Rationale: Develop the training ground over a number of years to afford good, well planned training props.
Strategy: Use up to \$10,000.
3. **Goal:** Upgrade exterior hall lighting for energy efficiencies.
Rationale: To improve lighting and reduce energy use and costs.
Strategy: Use \$15,000 Community Works funds.
4. **Goal:** Install exhaust system.
Rationale: To meet WorkSafe BC requirements.
Strategy: Use \$25,000 Community Works funds.

5. **Goal:** Review opportunities to increase call out rate.
Rationale: To support volunteer recruitment and retention.
Strategy: Look for opportunities for adjustment in short term.
6. **Goal:** Purchase a few new SCBA turn out gear sets and helmets over time.
Rationale: Ensure that volunteers have the required safety equipment for response.
Strategy: Use up to \$21,000.
7. **Goal:** Improve dispatch to pager reception.
Rationale: Pager and radio reception is unreliable in some areas, may need to reroute dispatch call through another tower.
Strategy: Research options for improvements.

2020 Goal

Goal: Purchase Generator.

Rationale: To ensure back up power for hall throughout extended power failures.

Strategy: Identify funding source for emergency power backup.

2021 Goal

Goal: Replace Engine 11 (1996 GMC) with a primary Engine.

Rationale: Required to retain Fire Underwriters Survey certification due to the age of current Engine 11.

Strategy: Use a combination of capital reserve funds and lease as required.

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 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: Purchase a used crew cab with box.

- Carried over to 2019.

Goal: Continue with next phase of training ground development.

- Completed half of project in 2018, remainder carried over to 2019.

Goal: Upgrade exterior hall lighting for energy efficiencies.

- Carried over to 2019.

Goal: Install exterior video surveillance equipment.

- Cancelled, lighting improvements to address security issues.