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2019 Business Plan Interlakes Fire Protection (1367)

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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 Interlakes Fire Protection Services, authorized by Establishment Bylaw No. 4405 and Loan Authorization Bylaw No. 4406, is a function of the Cariboo Regional District established in 2008 by means of a referendum assented to by the property owners within the local service area. This service is funded by a combination of a taxation rate applied against the assessed value of improvements only and a flat parcel tax fee of \$50 applied against every legal piece of property within the local service area. The maximum requisition that can be collected is the greater of \$286,965 or an amount raised by applying a tax rate of \$.06977/\$1,000 to the net taxable value of land and improvements in the service area. Bylaw No. 4406 authorized the borrowing of up to \$750,000 for capital equipment required to provide fire protection to the service area. Bylaw No. 5147 (2018) is the most recent amendment, authorizing the borrowing of the estimated costs to replace two engine/pumper fire apparatus for the Interlakes Fire Protection Service (\$800,000).

The Interlakes Volunteer Fire Department provides fire protection and first responder services to the properties within the boundaries of the fire protection area.

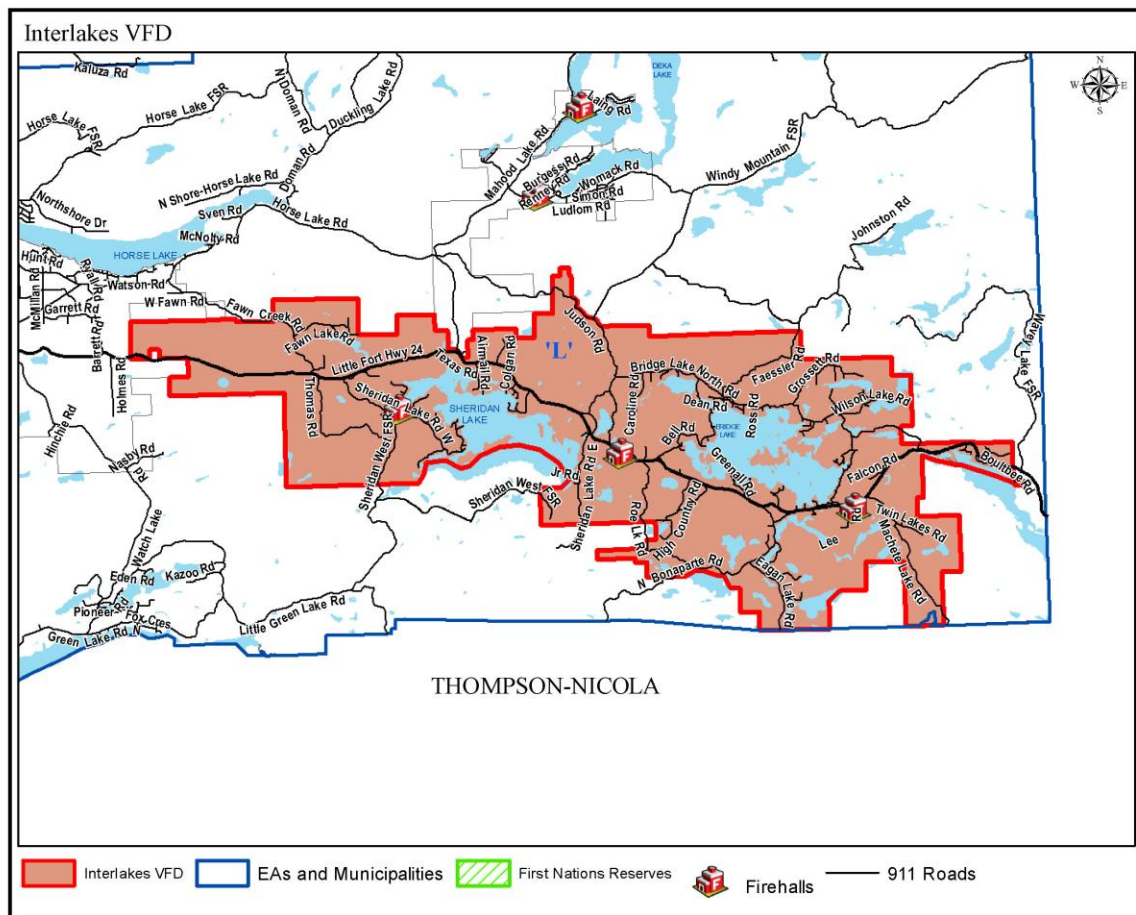
The following fire apparatus is registered and licensed as part of this fire protection service:

- Engine 11 – 1996 Freightliner, 400 gallon water capacity, 1250 gpm pump and deck gun
(replace by 2021)
- Engine 21 – 1995 Freightliner, 400 gallon water capacity, 1250 gpm pump and deck gun
(replace by 2021)
- Engine 31 – 1995 Freightliner, 400 gallon water capacity, 1250 gpm pump and deck gun
(replace by 2019)
- Tender 11 – 2000 International 4900, 1665 gallon water capacity with pump (replace by
2030)
- Tender 21 – 1999 International 4900, 1665 gallon water capacity with pump (replace by
2029)

Tender 31 – 2002 International 4300, 1665 gallon water capacity with pump (*replace by 2032*)

Engine 11 – 2017 Freightliner M2112, 1000 gallon water capacity, 1040 gpm pump (*purchased in 2017*)

As the Electoral Area L Director 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

- Goal:** Replace Engine 31.
Rationale: Required to maintain Fire Underwriters Survey certification.
Strategy: Use ten-year debt financing as per 2018 referendum results.

2. **Goal:** Install 10,000 water gallon tank at East hall.
Rationale: Strategically placed and buried water tanks will greatly improve response capacity and ensure sufficient water is available for fire suppression.
Strategy: Use \$10,000.
3. **Goal:** Review Chief remuneration and call out rate for members.
Rationale: Increasing call out rate to \$20 from current \$10 to assist achieving recruitment and retention goals, chief time investment across three halls is greater than the norm in this region.
Strategy: Review opportunities for increases and adjustments.

2021 Goal

Goal: Replace Engine 21 in Hall #2.
Rationale: Required to maintain Fire Underwriters Survey certification.
Strategy: Use ten-year debt financing as per 2018 referendum results.

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: Replace Engine 11 in Hall #1.
- Completed.

Goal: Undertake roof repair to Hall #2 to hold snow from sliding and install overhang to prevent snow build-up. Remove gutters and install pedestrian door.
- Completed.

Goal: Modernize face masks on SCBAs and purchase carbon cylinders.
- Completed.

Goal: Install linoleum in stairwell/mezzanine.
- Completed.

Goal: Install exhaust system in truck bays.
- Completed.

- Goal:** Complete installation of new water sources throughout the fire protection area.
- Site assessment completed in 2018, installation carried over to 2019.