



building communities together

2019 Business Plan Central Cariboo Search and Rescue (1375)

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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



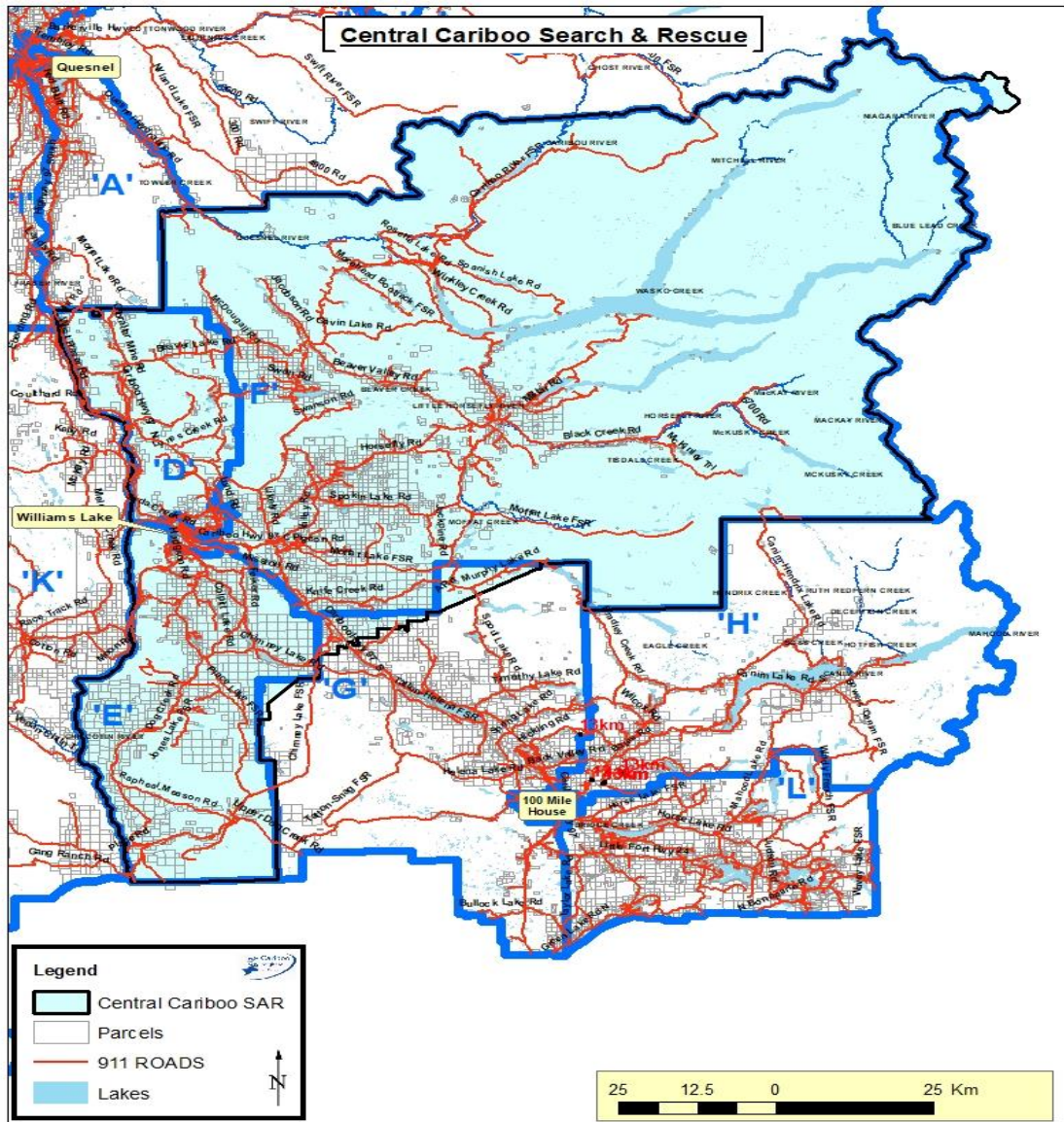
The Central Cariboo Search and Rescue (CCSAR) Unit, authorized by Bylaw No. 3228 (1996), was established as a function of the Cariboo Regional District in 1997 by means of a referendum assented to by the property owners within the local service area. CCSAR is funded by a taxation rate applied against the assessed value of land and improvements within the local service area. The maximum taxation rate that can be applied for this function is the greater of \$168,000 or \$0.14/\$1,000 of assessed value.

Central Cariboo Search and Rescue provides land, air and river searches, public education including the bear aware program and avalanche safety. They are trained and equipped to provide swift water and flatwater rescues, avalanche search and rescues, steep embankment rescues, highway rescue and auto extrications.

The following emergency vehicles and equipment are registered and licensed as part of this function:

1997 – Ford Pickup – Land SAR Gear & Crew Response Vehicle
2000 – Ford F-550 Pickup – Auto EX Response Vehicle
2002 – Ford F500 Pickup – Auto EX Response Vehicle
2011 – Ford F350 Super Crew Cab – Command/Personnel Transport (picks cribbing)
2017 Polaris Spectra Side By Side
Zodiac – 14 ft. – Still Water Rescue
2013 Thunderjet Denali - Boat
Polaris 500 Quads – Three 2-Up Models
Hallmark Trailer – 27 ft. Command Trailer
Hallmark Trailer – Equipment Trailer

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



Business Plan Goals, Rationale & Strategies

2019 Goals

- Goal:** Paint the exterior of the building including logo/emblem.
Rationale: Building maintenance and facility identification.
Strategy: Use \$20,000.

2. **Goal:** Replace old Personal Protective Equipment.
Rationale: Ensure member safety and occupational standards are met.
Strategy: Use \$11,000.
3. **Goal:** Develop budget to support replacement of hydraulic hoses and couplings for hydraulic tools and equipment.
Rationale: Currently using dual line hoses and couplings whose manufacture has been discontinued.
Strategy: Research replacement options and begin replacement in 2021.
4. **Goal:** Repair and replace communications equipment.
Rational: Old equipment needs maintenance and replacement to ensure effectiveness.
Strategy: Use \$15,700.

Significant Issues & Trends

In 2016 the province, through the BC Search and Rescue Association, provided each registered SAR group a check for funding the training and equipment they are otherwise unable to afford or have been postponing. This funding occurred again in 2017 as part of a two-year program to support and enhance SAR provincially. The expenditures made with these funds must be recorded and reported on at the end of each year. The funding was provided to enhance the group's current budgets – not replace them. Unspent monies received in one year can be carried forward into the next, however, all grant monies for 2016 and 2017 must be spent no later than March 31, 2018. CCSAR has received a similar grant that will be received in 2018.

The Cariboo Regional District Central Cariboo SAR group started their own Facebook page in 2016 and use it regularly to post pictures and activities they participate in for training and community support. They also put a short post out whenever they are tasked out. The result has been a growing following and increased recruitment. This is great success with no budget impacts and has resulted in increased recruitment and retention over 2017 and 2018.

In the near future, CCSAR will be required to replace all hydraulic hoses and couplings for their hydraulic tools and equipment. Currently they are using dual line hoses and couplings whose manufacture has been discontinued. Availability of replacement parts is estimated at three years. The switch to core line is forecast for years 2021 and 2022.

Measuring Previous Years Performance

- Goal:** Building renovations and improvements at Mackenzie Avenue building.
- Completed interior works, exterior painting carried over to 2019.

Goal: Training in Urban Rescue, Computer Skills, ATV Training, Snowmobile Safety, Avalanche Training, Ground SAR Leader Training and Land SAR Training.

- Completed.

Goal: Flooring in new front reception area, two offices and one bathroom.

- Completed.

Goal: Purchase new, larger rescue boat and trailer.

- Completed.