

2019 Business Plan CRD West Chilcotin Search and Rescue (1379)

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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 Cariboo Regional District West Chilcotin Search and Rescue contribution service was established in 2013, by Bylaw No. 4822, by means of a referendum approval process in accordance with the *Local Government Act*. Taxation is based on the value of land and improvements. The maximum amount of money that may be requisitioned in any one year, for the service provided, shall not exceed the greater of \$6,000 or an amount raised by applying a tax rate of \$0.0446/\$1,000 to the net taxable value of land and improvements in the service area.

The CRD West Chilcotin Search and Rescue organization is a group of dedicated volunteers that perform their activities at the request of the RCMP within the boundaries of CRD Electoral Area J. Some of the specific things they are trained in include: ground searches, man tracking, evidence searches, and rope and avalanche rescues.

As the Electoral Area J 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

There are no measurable goals for this service in 2019.

Significant Issues & Trends

Recruitment, retention, and training are the most significant issues for this and other volunteer groups throughout the Province.

The Cariboo Regional District is a signatory on the Province of BC/UBCM Climate Action Charter, and has committed to continuing work towards carbon neutrality in respect of corporate operations.

