

## Budget Related Facebook Comments & Questions

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### Budget Survey Post



**David Radcliffe** Keep doing what your doing, great service and community support.

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**Cariboo Regional District** Thanks for the feedback David!

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**David Radcliffe** Cariboo Regional District Any time, you guys do GREAT work.

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**Brenda Bernie Spurrell** David Radcliffe lol must have friends on crd to make that statement.crd waste of time and money.just another layer [REDACTED] in your life.

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**Don Gretz Evelyn Young** I filled it out too but id like to see water and sewer up on conrad cres

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**Steve Forseth** Don - you should reach out to your CRD area director, Angie Delainey, and let her know. Her email address is adelainey@cariboord.ca

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**Gary Young** nothing will change... CRD has become an example of more bad politics

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**Judy Goodwin** Yes it should be we all pay taxes to go to this service

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**Brian Durrell** Just one more layer of government

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**Jason Chamberlain** So..... are fire protection rates at 150 mile increasing to 80.05 per 100,000 or will it be an additional 80.05 on top of existing rates already paid ? I'll be working like most do during the week so will be unable to attend the open house.

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**Steve Forseth** Jason - the proposed 150 Mile Fire Protection tax rate for 2019 will rise to \$80.05 per \$100,000. If you can't make the presentation on Feb 13th - I'm confident Cariboo RD Area F Director Joan Sorley will want to hear your feedback. You can email her at jsorley@cariboord.ca Thanks!

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**Jason Chamberlain** Steve Forseth thanks Steve. Already about 68 per thousand so about 12 bucks more not 80. Thanks.



**Cariboo Regional District** Jason Chamberlain That is correct.

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**Lorne Ratz** I was a little concerned about that. Thanks for putting the question out there Jason Chamberlain.

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**Chris Condie** Didn't see any initiatives to reduce taxpayers burden. Does the CRD plan to take any measures in 2019 to start reducing the amount of taxes imposed on area residents?

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**Erich Zirnelt** Chris Condie the only way to reduce taxes is to reduce services... The survey is your opportunity to target the services you feel should be reduced. I know I picked at least one.

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**Brenda Bernie Spurrell** Chris Condie lol crd reduce taxes lmao.they only know how introduce more b.s spending.thanks for laugh of the day.you should run i would vote for you .we need change but wouldnt count on it

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**Cariboo Regional District** Erich Zirnelt said it well, Chris Condie. We invite you to take the survey and share your feedback on our service levels.

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**Calvin Groll** In the NCariboo there is 3.8 m taxed for Recreation. How much is transferred to the city and how much stays within the CRD?

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**Cariboo Regional District** Good question Calvin Groll. I'll ask our Finance folks and get back to you.

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**Cariboo Regional District** Hi Calvin Groll. To answer your question, the CRD collects all of the \$3.9 million taxed for the recreation function in the North Cariboo. There is an equivalent tax rate for those who live in the City and the CRD. The CRD contracts the City of Quesnel to manage the operations of some of the services within the function, mainly the ones which are in the City like the arena and aquatic centre. We pay them to run those services out of the overall taxation amount; they don't make a profit, since we pay them for the total operating costs minus any revenue. In 2019, the services managed by the City within the North Cariboo Recreation function will cost \$2.2 million. You can see the breakdown at this link on p. 85: [https://www.cariboord.ca/.../2019-2023\\_Provisional\\_Long...](https://www.cariboord.ca/.../2019-2023_Provisional_Long...)

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**Calvin Groll** Thank you for the reply

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## Red Bluff Sewer Open House Event



**Barbara Zerebecki Crannis** Is someone getting a raise with sewer money?

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**Cariboo Regional District** Hi Barbara. Some of the increased costs for the Red Bluff sewer utility are related to WorkSafe regulations regarding confined space entry. We have to update our confined space entry equipment and WorkSafe requires a minimum of two personnel for any confined space entry which is increasing our labour costs. This isn't the whole picture, though, so we hope you can come out to the open house to discuss further.

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**Cariboo Regional District** Also, user fees collected for the Red Bluff sewer service can only be spent on the service itself. There is strict legislation to this effect and that is how we run all our finances and services.

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**Imma Hidin Fornow** Cariboo Regional District confined space entry course is a one day course that does not cost very much.... how many houses are effected and the cost of a course... but you have to increase EVERYONES cost for something you should have been doing to begin with... the raise you are considering is way way more than the course costs...

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**Imma Hidin Fornow** I would love to see an audit of the confined spaces that were there already... if there are no changes in the number of areas and you have had ppl enter the existing confines areas with out the proper training then you have been negligent and put ppl at risk...

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**Cariboo Regional District** Hi Imma. We appreciate the questions. I'm just gathering some more information for you.

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**Cariboo Regional District** Imma Hidin Fornow Here's some more info for you. Our staff are trained for confined space entry, we just need a minimum of two staff in order to do a confined space entry. We do about 20 confined space entries per year, not including any emergency issues. The confined space issue is only one part of the reasons behind the cost increases. We need another staff member for the confined space entries and to share the duty of being available 24/7 to address any emergencies. We also are seeing increased costs with maintaining the infrastructure as it is aging. We hope you can attend the meeting on Tuesday to discuss as it is much easier to get into the details in person. Or you can also call us at 1-800-665-1636 to talk with our Manager of Environmental Services.

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**Imma Hidin Fornow** Thx for the info.... the phrase that sticks out the most is "...seeing increased cost with maintaining the infrastructure....". But the original post was saying the increased cost was due to Worksafe regs around confined space.... but now you are saying it is for infrastructure costs... seems a bit shady to use worksafe regs as an excuse when it was all for more money to maintain the existing services... so... the increase is just for more money... not to meet worksafe requirements.... shame on you for trying to hide an increase by piggy backing it on a entirely different matter and justify it by saying it is Worksafe issue...

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**Cariboo Regional District** Hi Imma. Sorry that our messaging wasn't clear. I can see what you're saying. The tax increase is because of both reasons - WorkSafe requirements and to maintain the system which is about 35 years old. Overall our operating costs are increasing for lots of reasons which is why a tax increase is needed. I can provide more clarification if needed.

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**Joanne Hare Twan** Does this mean I might be able to drink my water...after 14 years of hauling it in???

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**Cariboo Regional District** Joanne Hare Twan this is related to the sewer utility for the Red Bluff area. The only water service in the area is for the new Benjamin water utility, which includes 43 properties on Ariel Dawn and Cody Dale roads.

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**Linda Nelson** I can't believe that there are two angry faces on this post. This is a fantastic beginning. At last it is starting. I hope people get education about this project and get on board. Get on the bus! Good luck Red Bluff!!

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**Simon Turner** Linda, I think the Angry faces are for the 25% increase rather than the opportunity to learn something about it

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**Linda Nelson** I hear what you're saying.

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**Reg Wachskreide** ▶ **Red Bluff Sewer Budget Open House** ...

28 January at 14:09 · 🌐

Can you explain exactly what worksafe regulations have changed and explain how these exactly translate into increased costs ?



**Cariboo Regional District** Hi Reg. I'll try to get a brief snapshot here for you, but the best thing would be to stop by the meeting and we can break this down for you in person.

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**Cariboo Regional District** Hi again. Some of the increased costs for the Red Bluff sewer utility are related to WorkSafe regulations regarding confined space entry. We have to update our confined space entry equipment and WorkSafe requires a minimum of two personnel for any confined space entry which is increasing our labour costs. We hope you can come out to the open house to discuss further.

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**Reg Wachskreide** [Cariboo Regional District](#) so when was the last time confined space entry was needed in regards to the sewer system?

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**Reg Wachskreide** [Cariboo Regional District](#) btw I'm going to continue to post questions here to give you ample opportunity to properly answer them .

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**Reg Wachskreide** [Cariboo Regional District](#) you also mention regulations have recently changed..... what exactly has changed.....  
And i expect chapter and verse quotes of wcb regulation that has recently changed to cause these increased costs

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**Cariboo Regional District** [Reg Wachskreide](#) are you able to attend the meeting on Tuesday? This would be a lot easier to clarify in person. Or maybe you could give us a phone call?



**Cariboo Regional District** [Reg Wachskreide](#) Here is a bit more info for you. We do about 20 confined space entries per year, not including any emergency issues. The confined space issue is only one part of the reasons behind the cost increases. We need another staff member for the confined space entries and to share the duty of being available 24/7 to address any emergencies. We also are seeing increased costs with maintaining the infrastructure as it is aging. We hope you can attend the meeting on Tuesday to discuss as it is much easier to get into the details in person. Or you can also call us at 1-800-665-1636 to talk with our Manager of Environmental Services.

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**Marc Beebe** ★ doesn't recommend [Cariboo Regional District](#). ...  
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The CRD is overly concerned with things that aren't important, and readily ignores things that are. Priorities are way out of whack and administration is laughable.



**Cariboo Regional District** Hi Marc. Thanks for the time to send us some feedback. Do you have any specifics about what priorities you feel we should address? Also, we are currently reviewing our budget for 2019 and if you would like to share your thoughts we have a survey: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/KJ63CLJ>