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2020 Business Plan Central Cariboo Search and Rescue (1375)

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Working in partnership with communities large and small to offer local, sub-regional, and regional services to ensure that the Cariboo Chilcotin is a socially, economically, and environmentally desirable region.

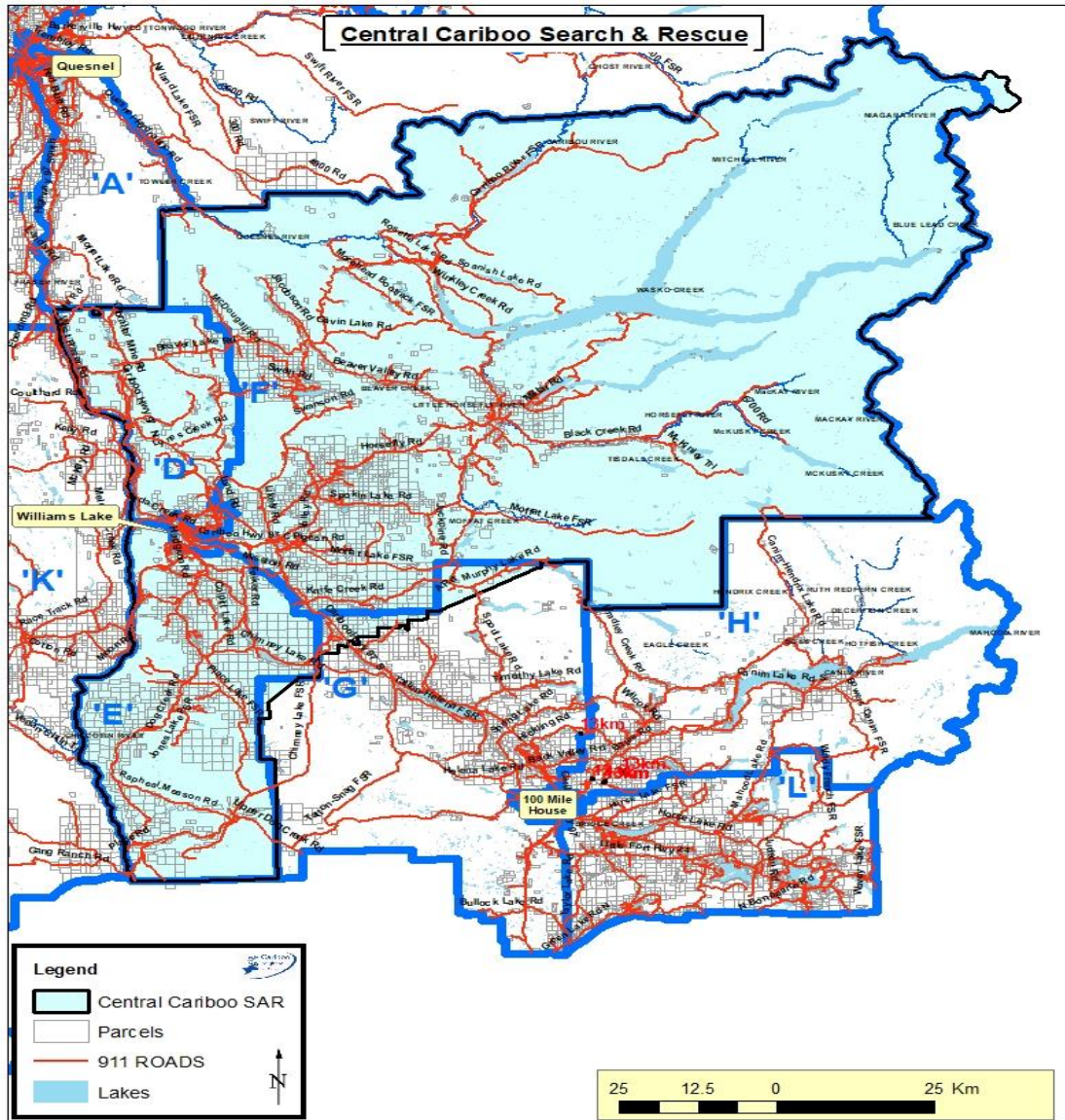
Department/Function Services



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



Business Plan Goals, Rationale & Strategies

2020 Regional Protective Services Goals

- Goal:** Facility Asset Management Review

Rationale: Hire a consultant to assess aging CRD owned facilities region wide and develop a replacement or repairs needed strategy to be incorporated into future budget planning.

Strategy: Use CRD administrative funds

2. **Goal:** Records Information Management System (RIMS)
Rationale: Staff will work with VFD personnel to implement and maintain records management for all fire department documents as per mandated requirements.
Strategy: Staff to develop a strategy for all records to be submitted to the RIMS at the main CRD office, and to ensure proper records are being updated and maintained.

2020 CCSAR Specific Goals

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. Need to replace sets on both Auto Ex vehicles as they are both leaking.
Strategy: Set aside funding in 2020 to purchase one set in 2021 (\$14,000/set), planning on replacing other set in the next year.
4. **Goal:** Training for ropes, ice rescue and water rescue
Rationale: Meet industry and WorkSafe requirements for the safe provision of these services.
Strategy: Use operational funds (\$20,000)
5. **Goal:** Purchase Auto Ex Batter Ram
Rationale: Needed to support auto extrication operations
Strategy: Use operational funds (\$20,000)
6. **Goal:** Purchase personal protective equipment clothing
Rationale: To meet WorkSafe requirements, members of the auto extrication group must have personal protective clothing that meets the standards for exposure to blood borne pathogens. Fifteen sets were purchased in 2019, another ten sets are required for 2020.
Strategy: Use operational funds (\$15,000)
7. **Goal:** Auto extrication training
Rationale: Train new members to meet the industry standards for provision of auto extrication operations.
Strategy: Use operational funds (\$10,000)
8. **Goal:** Letter of Understanding
Rationale: The RCMP has used the CCSAR's rescue boat for recovery operations on the Fraser River. There is no use agreement or Letter of Understanding for the use of this apparatus.
Strategy: Staff to investigate this issue to ensure that all risk and liability issues are covered should this type of incident occur in the future.

Significant Issues & Trends

The CCSAR continues to seek grant funding through the BC Search and Rescue Association, to assist the group in providing additional training and equipment that may not be obtained through current taxation funds. Should the group be successful in receiving the BCSARA grant, it will be managed by the CRD and the CCSAR Chief to ensure those funds are utilized appropriately.