



2020 Business Plan Emergency Planning/ All Electoral Areas (1385)

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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 Cariboo Regional District Emergency Planning service was created as a result of provincial legislation requiring that Regional Districts develop an emergency management organization and prepare an emergency plan for their jurisdiction.

The CRD Emergency Program was established in 2004, authorized by Bylaw No. 3934. All electoral areas participate in this service and taxation is based on the assessed value of land and improvements. There is no requisition limit.

All Electoral Area Directors, representing Areas A, B, C, D, E, F, G, H, I, J, K, and L, are responsible for the governance of this service.

Business Plan Goals, Rationale & Strategies

2020 Goals

- 1. Goal:** Continue to update the Cariboo Regional District Emergency Plan.
Rationale: The CRD emergency plan requires significant updates and an up to date hazard, risk and vulnerability assessment to address all hazards and recovery.
Strategy: Use operational funds up to \$24,000 to cover costs of hiring a contractor to produce a new and updated plan.
- 2. Goal:** Investigate emergency communication systems for use during emergencies in rural areas with no cell service.
Rationale: To provide voice, text and email communications between site and EOC during emergencies.

Strategy: Work forward with the Emergency Preparedness Committee and Community Liaison concept to find appropriate solutions.

3. **Goal:** Develop a planned approach to promoting community and household emergency preparedness.

Rationale: To support broad emergency preparedness planning to build resiliency and enhance community communication during emergencies and throughout recovery phases.

Strategy: Use operational funds and seek out additional sources of funding to support plan development and implementation.

Significant Issues & Trends

The increasing frequency and severity of emergency events such as the 2017 and 2018 wildfire seasons, annual spring floods, and the Mount Polley tailings facility breach have very substantial impacts on staffing and our ability to complete workplans within proposed time frames.

Measuring Previous Years Performance

Goal: Update Cariboo Regional District Emergency Plan.

- Carried over to 2020.

Goal: Continue recovery efforts from the 2017 wildfire season.

- Ongoing.

Goal: Investigate emergency communication systems for use during emergencies in rural areas with no cell service.

- Carried over to 2020.

Goal: Produce a recovery plan to guide recovery from the 2017 wildfire season.

- Completed.