

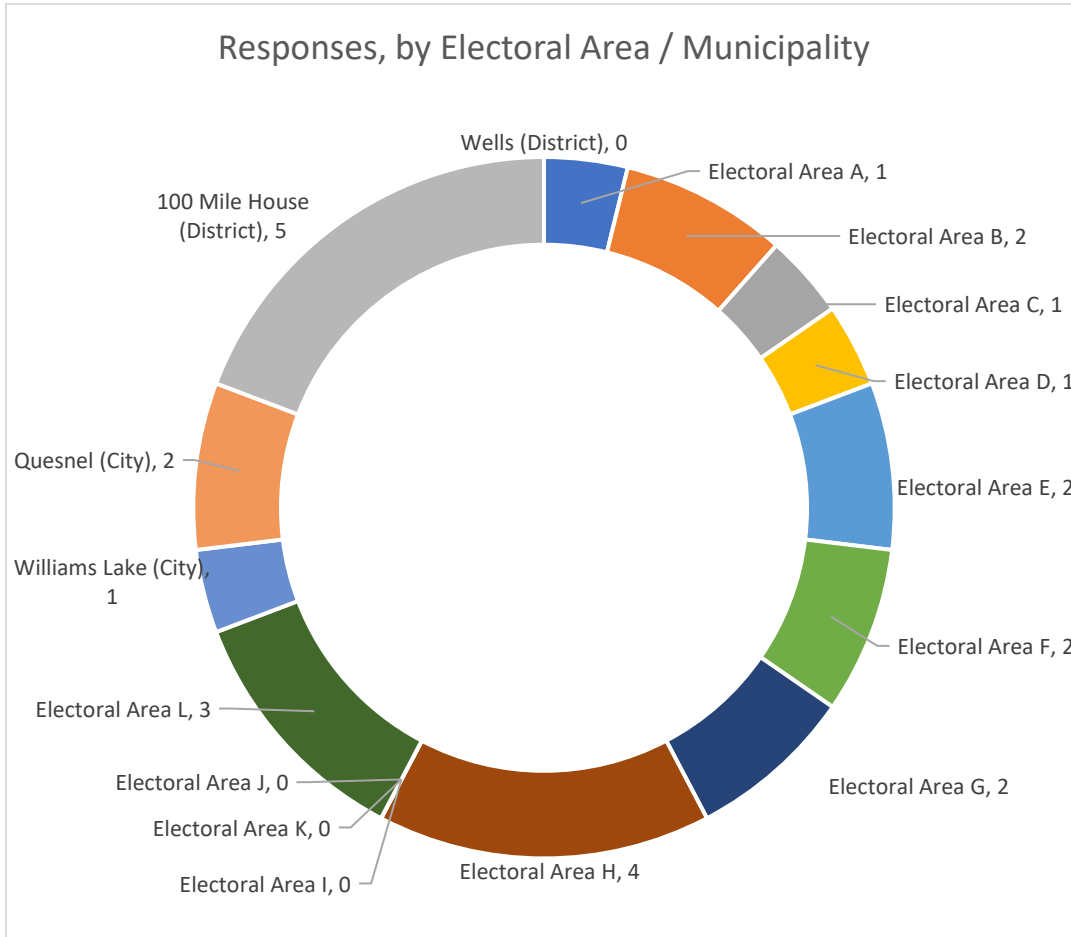
**2023-2027 Financial Plan Consultation Results**

**Budget 2023 Survey Responses: Transcription of Hardcopy & Survey Responses**

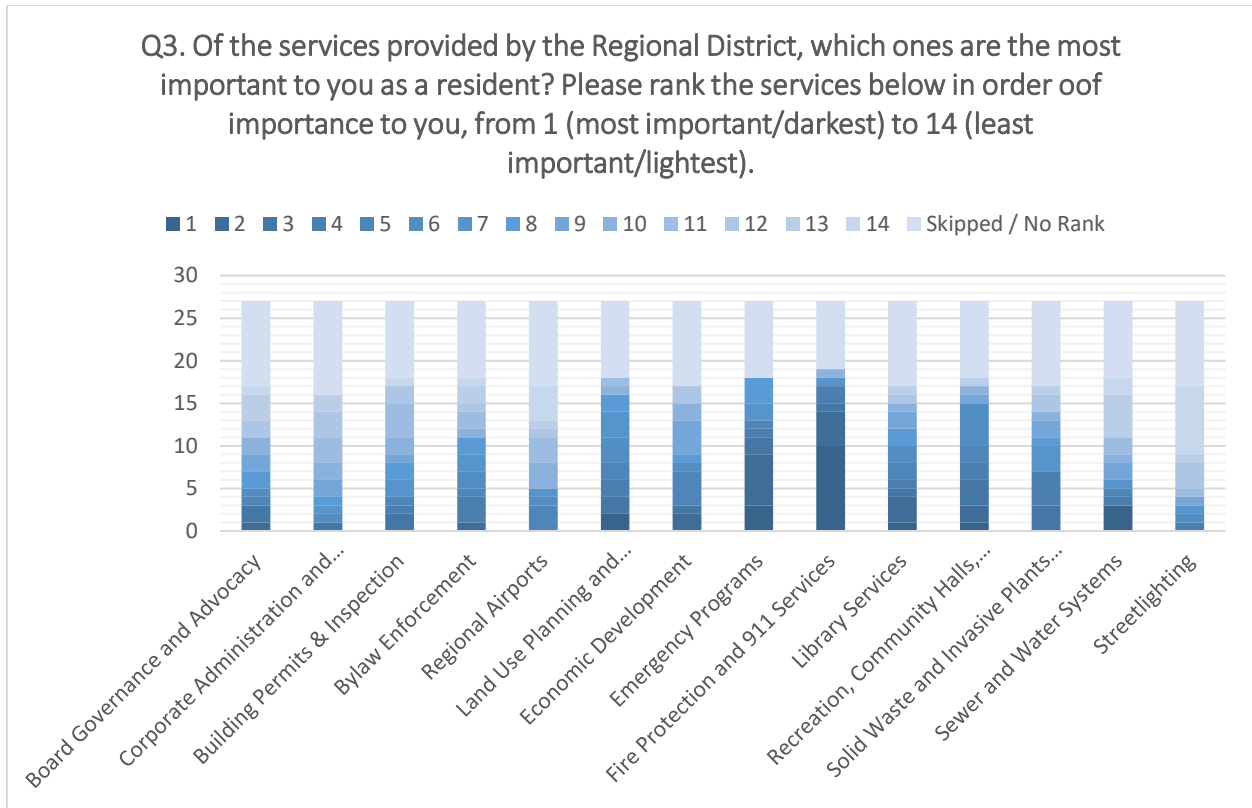
**Q1. Did you review the CRD's draft 2023-2027 financial plan online?**

Yes	No
20	6

**Q2. Please select the Electoral Area or Municipality that you reside in:**



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Answered: 18

Skipped: 8

**Q3. Of the services provided by the Regional District, which ones are the most important to you as a resident? Please rank the services below in order of importance to you, from 1 (most important) to 14 (least important).**

Ranking	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	Skipped / Unranked
Board Governance and Advocacy	0	1	2	0	1	1	0	2	2	2	0	2	3	1	9
Corporate Administration and Public Relations	0	0	1	0	0	1	1	1	2	2	3	3	2	0	10
Building Permits & Inspection	0	0	2	1	1	0	2	2	1	2	4	2	0	1	8
Bylaw Enforcement	0	1	0	3	1	2	2	2	0	1	2	1	2	1	8
Regional Airports	0	0	0	0	3	1	1	0	0	3	3	1	1	4	9
Land Use Planning & Regulation	2	0	2	2	2	3	3	2	0	1	1	0	0	0	8

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Economic Development	0	2	1	0	4	1	0	1	4	2	0	2	0	0	9
Emergency Programs	3	6	2	1	1	0	2	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	8
Fire Protection and 911 Services	10	4	1	2	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	7
Library Services	1	3	1	1	2	2	0	2	2	1	0	1	1	0	9
Recreation, Community Halls, Arts and Culture	1	2	3	2	2	5	0	0	1	1	0	0	1	0	8
Solid Waste and Invasive Plants Management	0	0	3	4	0	0	3	1	2	1	0	2	1	0	9
Sewer and Water Systems	3	0	0	1	1	0	1	0	2	1	2	0	5	2	8
Streetlighting	0	0	0	1	0	1	1	0	1	0	1	3	1	8	9

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### Q4. Do you have any feedback, opinions or suggestions you would like to share about any of the CRD service budgets that are important to you?

Because of last two years out of control inflation and all governments massive contribution it is time to cut spending and prove residents reduced taxation. Cut and cancel-see pamphlet for categories.

Respondent's notes on pamphlet below:

Administrative services – find cuts, -20%, postpone replacements of aging hardware and networks

Airports - ?, -10%, postpone significant projects

Contribution Services - Cancel

Development Services - More efficient, -30%, find cuts

Emergency Management - ?

Waste Management – ✓, cut curbside services

Invasive plants – Cancel

Library, Culture, Heritage – Cut big, Art and Culture, Heritage Preservation 50%

Protective Services – Austerity

Recreation Services – cut community halls, cut low mobility trails

Utilities – direct to beneficiaries, subdivisions must pay

Grants and contributions services - cut

I like:

- Rising Labour costs: pay well for good workers;
- Increased emergency budget: remember the 2017 fires;
- Increased recreation budget: better health results, shrinking that cost;
- Higher property taxes, for property values rise;
- Fixing infrastructure before that cost balloons.

I reject:

- User-paid utilities, a social, not a private, good
- \$5000/elected member for discretionary use, unless they must account for it.

Road maintenance is a huge short fall in our community. Poor road conditions are unsafe. Community centres are currently being not maintained for use. Where is there information about housing and accessibility of this?

I have reviewed a "hard copy" of the CRD's draft financial plan (cost \$16.00) as the digital version is much too small to read online. I compared my 2022 Property Tax line items to the hard copy but was unable to compare some of the items as they were missing: 1) Cariboo Chilcotin Hospital, 2) South Cariboo Highway Rescue, 3) A breakdown of the Regional Libraries was not provided nor, 4) was any information provided for BC Assessment and Municipal Finance Authority Charges. This makes it very hard to compare 2022 to the draft 2023 items. Also, I would appreciate receiving a breakdown for Area G Cariboo. After School Taxes this is the next highest charge.

Finally, on reviewing the last five years of Property Tax rates I've found that they have been steadily increasing. This greatly concerns me as my 2023 Property Assessment has increased 18% over 2022. The CRD will benefit from high Assessments, so I would strongly suggest that the individual line items' tax rates do not increase over 2022. If they do, it would seem that the CRD would be Double Dipping;

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increased Tax Rates on top of High Assessments. In this era of high inflation, it would be prudent for the CRD to review its expenditures and lower its expectations.
IVFD needs to be paid to ensure service.
No
Solar panels up here at Anaheim Airport.... is that actually worth it up here?
<p>103 Mile is unincorporated. However it forms part of 100 mile house. On our street of Lakeside, lower portion, we are all on well water. We are also on septic systems and do not use any of 100 mile house water or waste system services. We have no street lights, no sidewalks and since moving here, we have almost nil road maintenance. I had to call out the Ministry of Transportation to show the lady how bad our road was and if an accident happened due to my bike falling over because the holes and bumps are unavoidable, I would be holding the District liable for damages and injury as my bike is 800 lbs. I think that Dawson is pathetic and is a waste of our taxpaying dollars. I also understand due to their under bidding, this is why our roads are in the shape they are in.</p> <p>I also find that we have no garbage pick up without paying and there is absolutely no recycle program that should be paramount in light of our environment. There should be free curbside pick up of recyclables once per week as there is in the lower mainland.</p> <p>I noted that there were many surpluses from the forecasted budget to the actuals for 2022. In saying this, the surpluses should be applied to the home owners taxation rates or realign the budgets so they are a bit more accurate.</p> <p>The tax rate in 103 mile is exurbanite and much higher than the lower mainland which doesn't make sense to me as we don't have the same level of amenities or level of service here. Overall, I am very concerned that the financial plan doesn't include any recycle program that I could see as part of a garbage collection program. To sum up, we have no street lights, no use of 100 miles water systems, no sidewalks, no curbside recycle program, no sidewalk, and I recall that Dawson came down our road 2ce this winter and in the spring/summer all residents of Lakeside and area are subject to wrecking their vehicles and motorcycles due to lack of preventative maintenance. Other than that the budget looks good for other services.</p>
I enjoy the library because I can't always get to town plus I have access to computers and internet.
I reside 6kms in a forest and do not partake in any services other than the refuse dump and the occasional, sporadic, road maintenance, which is poor at best. Personally I have zero investment or interest in the majority of the services I have to pay for.
No
It's absurd for recreation to make up the largest part of the budget at \$12.2 million in a province that is 95% freely accessible public land.

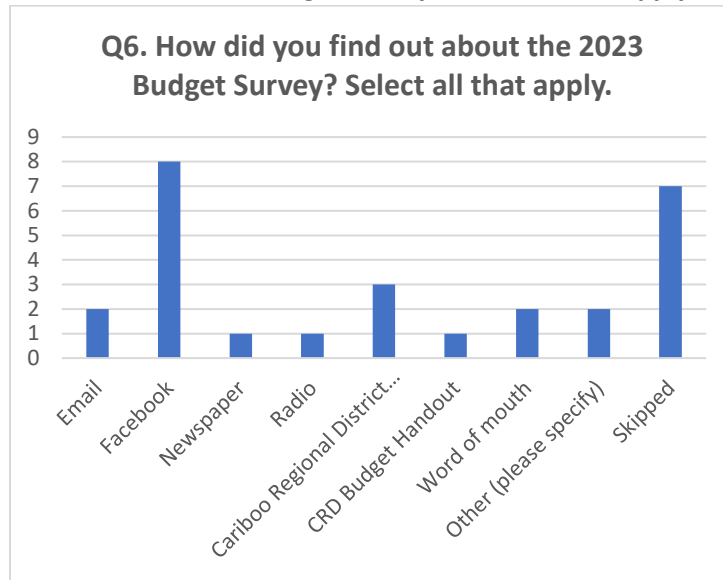
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**Q5. Is there any information that is not available about the budget that you think should be added in the future?**

More details must be disclosed to residents, more 50% +1 democracy. No special interests, Reduce IT costs, engage us at home by supporting wood/paper.
No. Did you consider zero-based or citizen participation budgeting?
Information about amenities such as cell service and internet accessibility.
Please mail out your "Understanding of the ____ CRD Budget" as the only way I could get acopy was to pick it up at your Williams Lake Office. I live in Lac la Hache. Thank you.
Not sure
A curbside recycle program with garbage pick up included with our taxes.
water and land protection.
The summary or handout could benefit from a breakdown under recreation of community hallcosts vs other recreation costs.

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**Q6. How did you find out about the 2023 Budget Survey? Select all that apply.**



Email	2
Facebook	8
Newspaper	1
Radio	1
Cariboo Regional District website	3
CRD Budget Handout	1
Word of mouth	2
Other (please specify)	2 (Forest Grove Library, Williams Lake Library)

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**Q7. Do you have any final thoughts to add?**

<p>You are elected to manage on behalf of citizens 50%+1 majority rule. Be the most accountable of all governments, be better managers and protect your bosses. Save more money so tax goes down.</p>
<p>My Dad was the regional manager for our part of Alberta, based in Edson. He could talk and listen and nip problems in the bud before they got expensive. You all seem to manage well.</p>
<p>Everyone seems more concerned about trails and not maintaining the roads and facilities that residents use daily to live and work here, health care, housing and public amenities are a nightmare considering the growing population. Public schools are on a boil water advisory with no plan of action shared with parents. Property assessments have gone crazy high so you will surely have a budget to work with.</p>
<p>See Items 4 &amp; 5</p>
<p>No</p>
<p>Recycle Program please. Curbside to all residents as people will just not go out of their way to recycle.</p>
<p>Taxes for remote rural properties should be adjusted to reflect services actually used. I pay almost \$2000 a year and I live off-grid, in a forest, with no services other than sporadic roadgrading (once last year). That is ridiculous.</p>
<p>thanks for reaching out.</p>
<p>The CRD needs to cut budgets now, not expand them heading into a recession. Your mill rates are based on peak property valuations and in the last year parts of BC have seen their property values drop 10-20%. This means that your forecast mill rate increases are going to get blown out of the water for the next couple of years. Forestry is in a downward spiral and UNDRIP is about to strangle most of the industry and development in the province. Anticipate, don't react. Trim the fat. Prioritize the essential services: Fire/Emerg, Library, and Solid Waste/Enviro.</p>



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<p>Preamble to the big tax hike...</p>
<p>What the heck do you do for rural water?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Good question</li> <li>• When is the 103 going to get proper water system</li> <li>• As part of our property tax and then again in utilities</li> </ul>
<p>You do on-site sewer systems?</p>
<p>Doubled my taxes last year another 33% hike in assessment so expecting another doubling this year</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The assessment first reflect a 100% increase in taxes last year</li> <li>• Hwy robbery for the home owners and businesses</li> </ul>
<p>Yeah WHY ARE THE DIRECTORS MAKING ALMOST 200,000?? Anyone have comments on the obscene remuneration sum??</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Please represent our lack of adequate water solutions, the roads being virtually unrivalled due to POTHOLEs, cameras installed at key intersections would be helpful, and some of that budget allocation towards INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT in 100 Mile House would be nice. Since these areas have experienced a drastic population rise. Cameras also generate revenue. Anything?</li> <li>• Regional district is predominantly rural! Why would we need or want cameras?</li> </ul>
<p>Over 12,000 (remuneration) is still a lot to not do much</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Thanks for the information I'll definitely do that. Why do these things remain unresolved after complaints/concerns are lodged?</li> <li>• Thank you very much facebook moderator</li> </ul>
<p>Sad that the budget overview document doesn't clearly lay out the actual total budget increase by dollar and % over last year. It's easy to see category increases but not a simple overall number. That seems misleading.</p> <p>Last year the budget called for a small increase and the Crd sought a bigger amount to round things off. That was difficult to swallow. This year's overview lacks that kind of info.</p> <p>Unfortunate. Seems that any overall change is something that could be explained up front, not left for residents to dig for.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• I hear you. I did not that, on the summary, it was pointed out that not all residents pay for every service. I disagree that sharing an overall budget rise number would be misleading since you had clearly pointed out the former fact. It does feel as if the CRD has made a deliberate choice not to clearly state in the budget overview document how much more money it will take this year over last year. That smells like 'politicking'.</li> </ul>
<p>"you only pay for the services you can participate in"</p> <p>Excuse me? I live in a forest, 6 kilometers up a dirt road, off-grid. The ONLY services I use is your very poor and sporadic road maintenance, the refuse dump, and maybe the hospital once a year. Yet I'm paying almost \$2000 in property tax!</p> <p>This is ridiculous!</p> <p>Where the option to pay for only what I use?</p> <p>Sure, hypothetically I "could" use more services but I live 40 minutes out of town and it isn't realistic to use any of it. I rely upon myself for everything needed and still have to pay a lot. The services and their quality certainly do not reflect what I pay.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cariboo Regional District since you are not responsible for road maintenance that makes my \$2000/year in property taxes even more pointless. The property value is assessed during the</li> </ul>

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<p>peak of the market in July, and doesn't reflect true value for several reasons. Last years were a freak market fueled by fear, low interest rates, a huge influx of people selling homes in richer areas and overpaying for homes in rural areas. Combined with not enough homes being sold for the demand. Literally since after July the sales stopped and the value is not there anymore. Also I have spoken with BC Assessment bcassessmentand compared nearby properties. I'm assessed higher than a property 5kms away of same size and they say I'm in a different neighborhood and not comparable. They can't present me with any other property that is identical to mine, with the same LACK of services that is worth what mine is assessed at, so they "estimate" my value. The entire thing is guess work based of a fakely inflated market and I end up paying \$2000/year for living off-grid, in the middle of a forest with no services. That is theft!</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cariboo Regional District yeah I know, you are not responsible for it but benefit from their inflated decisions. Convenient. And don't worry, I'm arguing it.</li> </ul>
<p>Does the CRD hold public meetings???</p>
<p>When it is requested for the CRD to handle a problem at a residence, and there are several other obvious infractions at the residence as well, why is nothing done about those?</p>
<p>District of 100 Mile House why does everyone's water look like this? Anyone doing anything about it?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• That is not the CRD that is 100 Mile – different jurisdictions</li> </ul>
<p>I can't access any of the Budget and Business Plan links provided</p>
<p>They have been upping everyone's property assessment for last two years. Some people are paying 70 percent more tax last year and getting a increased assessment this year soore tax for nothing. Oh sorry the surrey police department</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• you can dispute property tax increases- I have before and my taxes were adjusted accordingly. You need to present a well organized case for it.</li> <li>• thank you .I am working on it . Will try my best .my hope is that everyone that received an early assessment notice of property increased assessment challenges it</li> <li>• mine was higher than I thought market value as well- due to current softening in Realestate prices</li> <li>• Again, does the CRD hold public meetings?</li> </ul>
<p>Since it's the CRD who raised my assessment the past two years by an incredible amount, I have appealed my assessment. However, I found out I have to prove what I think the assessment should be. I think since the CRD raised the assessed value, that you should prove to me how you reached this number. 1) I'm not a real estate agent, I don't know what of your 125 services we receive, etc.</p>
<p>My water is really hard and can't safely drink it. Boil water advisory for years noWw.. What are you folks doing about that? And who can talk to for a reimbursement for the drinking water have to buy now?</p>
<p>The 'services' (screenshot of water quality advisories)</p>