



building communities together

2024 Business Plan North Cariboo Transit Service (1029)

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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 North Cariboo Transit contribution function was established through Bylaw No. 4293 in 2007. This service is delivered by means of a contract, under the Memorandum of Understanding with the City of Quesnel, which provides public transit to the Red Bluff area of Electoral Area A. Participants in the service are taxed based on the assessed value of land and improvements. The maximum requisition is the greater of \$5,560 or \$0.0534/\$1,000 of assessment.

In return for the contribution, the City of Quesnel provides an annual breakdown of statistics for the transit service.

As the Electoral Area A 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

No new goals identified for 2024.

Overall Financial Impact

The 2024 requisition is increased by 5% from the 2023 requisition, for a total requisition of \$7,115 to account for the higher than average CPI calculation in 2023. An increase of 3% is included in each year of the five-year financial plan.

Under the Memorandum of Understanding with the City of Quesnel, the contract value to deliver services for this function will increase by the Consumer Price Index (CPI) as of September 30 each year. This increase will be limited by the maximum requisition possible for the function as defined by the service establishment bylaw.

Significant Issues & Trends

North Cariboo Transit ridership was steady throughout the year, but highly dependent on repeated use by individuals. In 2023, rides to the end of August totaled 47,415, an approximate 23% decrease from the same period in 2022, but still demonstrating continued regular use of the service.

BC Transit will be implementing an electronic fare collection system for North Cariboo HandyDart in 2024. This new system will allow for contactless tap payment methods like a mobile app, debit card, and credit card, replacing old technology and reducing barriers to fare payment and transit access.

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.

Measuring Previous Years Performance

There were no new goals in 2023.