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## 2024 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.***

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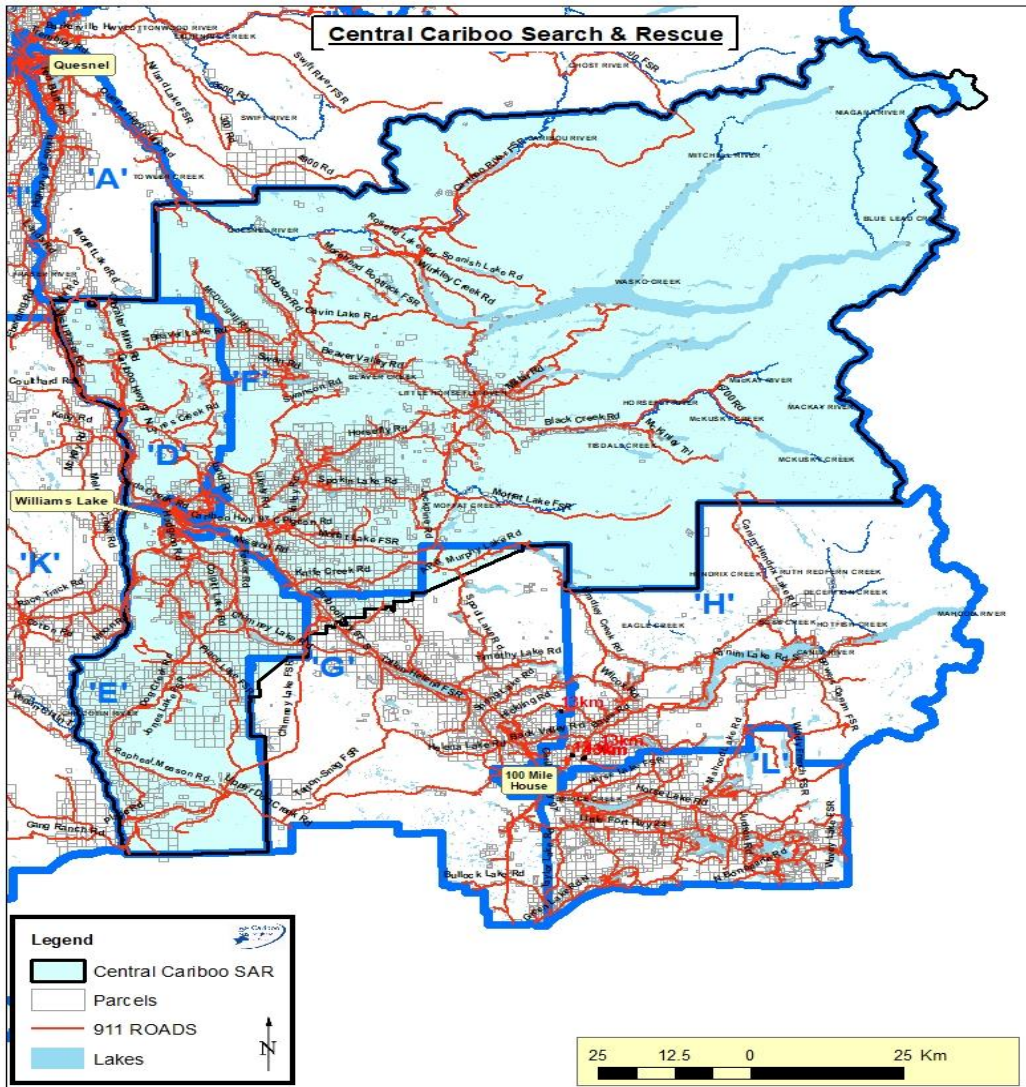
### Department/Function Services



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, adventure smart programming and other public education public-safety campaigns. 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 Central Cariboo Search and Rescue organization is a group of dedicated volunteers that perform their activities at the request of the RCMP or BC Ambulance.

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



## 2024 Business Plan Goals, Rationale & Strategies

1. **Goal:** To fund communications equipment and infrastructure upgrades and repairs.  
**Rationale:** Radio communications systems require repairs, upgrades, and replacements to prolong their lifespan, make use of existing system redundancies, and to ensure responder health and safety.  
**Strategy:** Use up to \$5,000 for communication systems repairs and maintenance.
  
2. **Goal:** To fund skills development training for Auto Extrication  
**Rationale:** Training is required for volunteer health and safety and the delivery of first responder services.  
**Strategy:** Allocate up to \$15,000 for training for Auto Extrication service functions.

3. **Goal:** To purchase new response equipment for SAR member safety.  
**Rationale:** New enclosed trailer for CCSAR to ensure safe loading and unloading of ATV and UTV during searches.  
**Strategy:** Allocate up to \$20,000.
4. **Goal:** To replace equipment nearing the end of equipment lifespan.  
**Rationale:** Required for volunteer health and safety and effective delivery of services. This includes PPE for both SAR and AutoEX functions.  
**Strategy:** Allocate up to \$35,800 for PPE, Equipment Maintenance, and Replacement.

### Significant Issues & Trends

CCSAR volunteers continue to seek grant funding through the BC Search and Rescue Association (BCSARA) to assist the group in providing additional training and consumables 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. Purchase of additional assets are no longer eligible under the BCSARA grant.

### 2025 Business Goals

1. **Goal:** To continue to build capital reserves for CCSAR facility maintenance & repairs:
  - a. Replace roof \$130,000
    - i. **Rationale:** A Condition Assessment in 2020 identified the roof as being in fair to poor condition at that time.
  - b. Paint exterior of CCSAR facility
    - i. **Rationale:** Age and poor quality of paint has left the building in need of either repainting or recladding of the building.
  - c. New drainage for Auto Ex bay
    - i. **Rational:** Currently there is inadequate drainage in the Auto Ex bay which could result in degradation of the floor.**Strategy:** Plan for works to be completed in the 2026 budget year.
2. **Goal:** To purchase new equipment for Auto Ex  
**Rationale:** New equipment for Auto Ex is to expand the ability to perform duties with a new size of Ram.  
**Strategy:** Use up to 20,000 for new Ram.

## **Measuring Previous Years Performance**

### **2023 Goals**

**Goal:** To continue with planned facility repairs and maintenance

- Completed.

**Goal:** To fund communications equipment and infrastructure upgrades and repairs.

- Ongoing.

**Goal:** Fund skills development training for Auto Extrication and SAR service functions.

- Training continuing as required.

**Goal:** To replace Auto Extrication and SAR ropes and personal protective gear nearing the end of equipment lifespan.

- Completed.