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## **2024 Business Plan 911 Telephone/All Electoral Areas (1380)**

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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**

In 2006, Bylaw No. 3515 established the 911 Emergency Telephone System function to provide services to the South Central Cariboo/Chilcotin and member municipalities, Williams Lake and 100 Mile House, through a contractual agreement with the Regional District of Fraser-Fort George. In 2008, Bylaw No. 4426 passed to dissolve the extraterritorial agreement with Fraser-Fort George and the entire Cariboo Region, including member municipalities. It is now provided through a contract agreement with Fraser-Fort George. Bylaw No. 4469 (2009) is the most recent amendment. The dissolution of the extraterritorial agreement also saw the Cariboo Regional District take ownership of the capital equipment required to provide the 911 service in the North Cariboo and, as such, the need to build capital reserve funds for future replacement of this same equipment.

All CRD Directors and representatives of the District of 100 Mile House, City of Williams Lake, City of Quesnel, and District of Wells are responsible for the governance of this service.

### **Business Plan Goals, Rational & Strategies**

#### **2024 Goals**

- 1. Goal:** Continue to work on plans to ensure that 911 system upgrades remain compatible with dispatch system upgrades and changes.

**Rationale:** It is imperative that this critical infrastructure remains in good repair and remains functional and compatible with upgrades to the broader 911 dispatch system.

**Strategy:** Use proper procurement processes to determine which options are the most suitable, comparing both costs and timelines for improvements.

2. **Goal:** Continue to work in conjunction with RDFFG for upgrade to NG911.

**Rationale:** It has been mandated by the Federal Government that all 911 services transition from enhanced 911 to the next generation 911 system.

**Strategy:** Protective Services and IT will remain engaged with RDFFG to determine future fiscal impacts to the CRD and review the potential changes in infrastructure as it pertains to the requirements set by the Federal Government.

### **Significant Issues & Trends**

911 Dispatch services were moved from the RCMP dispatch center in Prince George to ECOMM. This change has made no noticeable difference to clients but continues to provide significant savings.

Technological changes and enhancements are being made at the 911 dispatch center, the Cariboo Regional District system is old and requires upgrades to continue to function as part of the broader system.