



building communities together

2025 Business Plan Central Cariboo HandyDart (1039)

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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 Central Cariboo HandyDart contribution function was established following a successful referendum in 2010 through adoption of Bylaw No. 4625. This service is delivered by means of a Community Transit Partnership Agreement (January 1, 2023 – December 31, 2025) with the City of Williams Lake which extends its HandyDart service to portions of Electoral Areas D, E and F in the greater Williams Lake area. Cost of the service is shared with BC Transit through an Annual Operating Agreement with the City.

Participants in the service are taxed based on the assessed value of improvements only. The maximum requisition is the greater of \$20,027 or an amount raised by applying a tax rate of \$0.0316/\$1,000 to the net taxable assessed value of land and improvements.

In return for the contribution, BC Transit provides an annual breakdown of statistics showing met trips and unmet trips for the HandyDart service.

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

Business Plan Goals, Rationale & Strategies

2025 Goals

- 1. Goal:** Review the Community Transit Partnership Agreement with the City of Williams Lake to support HandyDart service.
Rationale: The previous three-year agreement will expire in December 2025.

Strategy: The agreement is included in the function financial plan. The agreement will be renewed if there are no material changes.

Overall Financial Impact

The 2025 requisition remains the same as the 2024 requisition at \$11,500.

The 2020 requisition was increased by \$1,500 from the 2019 requisition to a total of \$11,500.

Significant Issues & Trends

HandyDart ridership was steady throughout the year, but highly dependent on repeated use by individuals requiring service. In 2024, rides to the end of July in the rural areas totaled 109, demonstrating continued regular use of the service.

For the fiscal 2023/2024 period, HandyDart had 6,197 trips in the city and rural areas, with 564 subscription trips Monday through Friday. Also within the city and in the rural areas, there were 89 unmet trips; of these unmet trips, 49 were able to reserve a ride at an alternate time.

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 2024.