



building communities together

2025 Business Plan Quesnel Regional Airport Contribution Service (1114)

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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 Quesnel Regional Airport contribution function was established through Bylaw No. 5151 in 2018 following a referendum of the participating electoral areas. The purpose of the function is to provide a contribution to the City of Quesnel to support operation of the Quesnel Regional Airport in recognition that the residents and businesses across the North Cariboo receive economic and social benefits from the airport.

The funding is provided through a three-year contribution agreement with the City (2022-2024). The agreement is limited to direct operating costs at the airport and does not include funding for capital projects at this time.

To enable input into airport operations, the City has established an Airport Advisory Committee with representation from elected officials from the Regional District and the City as well as key airport stakeholders.

Participants in the service are Electoral Areas A, B, C and I, which are taxed based on the assessed value of land and improvements. The maximum requisition is the greater of \$90,000 or \$0.0682/\$1,000 of assessment.

Business Plan Goals, Rationale & Strategies

2025 Goal

Goal: Review the airport contribution agreement with the City of Quesnel.

Rationale: The three-year contribution agreement between the Cariboo Regional District and the City of Quesnel for sharing operating costs at the Quesnel Regional Airport will expire at the end of 2024.

Strategy: Staff will review the agreement and renew it if terms and conditions remain unchanged. If amendments are required, a new agreement will be brought forward to the North Cariboo Rural Directors Caucus for consideration.

Overall Financial Impact

The 2025 requisition is increased by \$5,000 (7%) from the 2024 requisition to \$75,000 in anticipation of a new contribution agreement with the City of Quesnel.

The 2024 requisition is the same as the 2023 requisition at \$70,000.

The requisition is currently maintained at \$75,000 annually over the five-year financial plan; however, this may require amendment in 2026 based on a renewal of the contribution agreement with the City of Quesnel.

Significant Issues & Trends

The COVID-19 situation had major negative effects on airport revenues with the loss of passenger fees from scheduled service of Central Mountain Air. Other aspects of airport business were also generally lower but rebounded well after the initial travel restrictions and advisories due to the pandemic.

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

Goal: Review the airport contribution agreement with the City of Quesnel.

- Agreement review is encompassed by the Memorandum of Understanding with the city and expected to be concluded early in 2025.