

2025 Business Plan North Cariboo Cemetery Service (1031)

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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 Cemetery Service function was established through Bylaw No. 3484 in 1998. This service is provided by means of a contract under the Memorandum of Understanding with the City of Quesnel. Electoral Areas A, B, C and I participate in the service and are taxed based on the assessed value of land and improvements. In 2009, following a successful referendum, the Board adopted Bylaw No. 4422 which amended the function by increasing the maximum requisition to the greater of \$76,000 or \$0.0731/\$1,000 of assessment.

The Directors for Electoral Areas A, B, C and I are responsible for the governance of this service.

Business Plan Goals, Rationale & Strategies

2025 Goals

There were no new goals identified for 2025.

2026 Goals

1. Goal: Perform paving at the cemetery.

Rationale: The existing pavement is reaching the end of its expected lifespan and needs replacement. The project is consistent with the purpose of the cemetery support function.

Strategy: The City of Quesnel will manage the project.

Overall Financial Impact

The 2025 requisition remains the same as the 2024 requisition at \$90,000.

The 2024 requisition was increased by 12.5% from the 2023 requisition, for a total requisition of \$90,000 to account for the higher than average CPI calculation in 2023. The requisition amount will remain at \$90,000 for 2025-2029.

An increase in 2023 to a total requisition of \$80,000 was necessary to make the contribution to capital works for the major paving project at the cemetery in 2026.

Under the MOU with the City of Quesnel, the Regional District is required to pay for 50% of the net operating and capital costs for the cemetery. This increase will be limited by the maximum requisition possible for the function as defined by the service establishment bylaw.

Significant Issues & Trends

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.