



building communities together

2025 Business Plan South Cariboo Transit Service (1028)

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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 South Cariboo Transit Service function was established through Bylaw No. 3282 in 1997.

This service is provided by means of a contract with the District of 100 Mile House. The contract is based on ridership from a local service area, which is a portion of Electoral Area G in the 108 Mile Ranch and Lac La Hache areas. Under the terms of the contract, the Regional District pays 50 percent of the net municipal cost of the service. The current contract has a five-year term from April 1, 2023, to March 31, 2028.

Requisition is by way of a parcel tax. The maximum requisition is \$25,000 or \$0.14/\$1,000 of assessment.

As the Electoral Area G Director is the only stakeholder, and the *Local Government Act* requires more than one vote, the entire Board is responsible for the governance of this service.

Business Plan Goals, Rationale & Strategies

2025 Goals

- 1. Goal:** Enhance marketing efforts for the service.
Rationale: Increased marketing efforts will be valuable for boosting community awareness and ridership numbers for the service.

Strategy: The project will be coordinated between BC Transit and the District of 100 Mile House with support from Regional District staff.

Overall Financial Impact

The 2025 requisition is increased by \$10,000 to \$70,000 (16.7%) due to budget increases expected from BC Transit and the service provider. According to BCT projections, these service cost increases will continue well above inflation and the requisition is further raised to \$80,000 in 2028 accordingly.

Significant Issues & Trends

South Cariboo Transit ridership was steady throughout 2024, but highly dependent on repeated use by individuals.

In 2023, rides totaled about 6,492 for both the municipality and the rural areas, an approximate 17% decrease from the same period in 2022, but still demonstrating continued regular use of the service.

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.