



building communities together

2026 Business Plan Streetlighting (1430 - 1448)

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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 Cariboo Regional District facilitates streetlighting for seventeen service areas, established by various bylaws for each streetlighting function. The service areas were established over several years. The majority of the streetlighting functions are taxed via a parcel tax, while a few are taxed using assessed value of land and improvements. No taxation limitation has been determined by the bylaws.

As the Electoral Area Director in each function is the only stakeholder, and the *Local Government Act* requires more than one vote, the entire Board is responsible for the governance of these services.

Business Plan Goals, Rationale & Strategies

No specific goals have been identified for 2026.

The Wildwood/Westcoast Street Lighting Service and the Pacific Road Streetlighting Service have been identified as candidates for amalgamation due to proximity to each other, existing in the same neighborhood community and elimination of the duplicity of administering two services as opposed to one. Currently, merging the services is not possible due to differences in the parcel tax rates of the services and disparities in reserve balances. The goal is to rationalize the parcel tax rate of the services over the next 4 years so that all parcels are paying the same amount, and to equal out the reserve balances.

Overall Financial Impact

2026 requisitions are getting inflationary increases while measuring the actual costs of installing the LED lights and the impact this has on the costs of providing the service.

Significant Issues & Trends

In 2022, BC Hydro rates increased by 2% in 2023 and 2.3% in 2024.

The LED conversion project is now completed.

The Cariboo Regional District is a signatory on the Clean BC Climate Action Plan (formerly the Province of BC/UBCM Climate Action Charter) and has committed to continuing work towards carbon neutrality in respect of corporate operations.

Measuring Previous Year's Performance

No new streetlighting services were added in 2025.

Current areas where the CRD provides street lighting include:

- 140 Mile
- Commodore Heights
- Copper Ridge
- Esler
- Forest Grove
- Gook Road
- Gun-A-Noot
- Horsefly
- Hwy 26
- Kersley
- Lac La Hache
- Lone Butte
- Maple Drive
- Pacific Rd
- Pine Valley
- Shaw Rd
- Wildwood