



Administrative Services:

This includes Board functions, administration, finance, and communications, which support regional service delivery. We will be expanding our capacity to engage with First Nations through a new Inter-governmental Relations position. We will also expand our public engagement capacity to enhance our decision making processes.



South Cariboo Regional

This is partially funded by taxation from Electoral Areas G, H and L. The largest driver of increased costs is repaying debt for a portion of the airport rehabilitation project, which will be paid off by 2028. Projects include designing a fuel system replacement, expanding spaces available for private hangars, and planning for solar panels on the terminal building.



Contribution Services

We offer funding for community services in Area L, supporting the South Cariboo cemeteries and grants for community groups.



Development Services:

Development Services oversees land use planning and regulation (limited to electoral areas), building inspection (a sub-regional service), and bylaw enforcement (exclusive to electoral areas). These functions support long-term land use planning, ensure compliance with the BC Building Code and zoning bylaws, and maintain community standards through fair and cost-effective bylaw enforcement.

A minor tax increase is planned to support these services. Due to recent changes in Provincial housing legislation, the Planning Department will prioritize meeting new requirements. This involves updating procedures, renewing Housing Needs Assessments, revising zoning bylaws, and streamlining development approval processes. Additionally, new regulations and standards will be developed to reduce hazards in floodplains and potentially unstable slopes.



Economic Development

Area G, H, and L are part of the South Cariboo Economic Development service, backing various community development initiatives. We mainly fund activities of other groups, like sector-specific organizations in agriculture, tourism, and resident attraction. The requisition for this service remains unchanged from last year.



Emergency Programs

Emergency Programs cover the entire emergency cycle, including preparedness, mitigation, response, and recovery. Our main emphasis is on adapting to the new Emergency and Disaster Management Act, which will change our approach to preparing for, mitigating, responding

to, and recovering from emergencies. Additionally, a new FireSmart program will be introduced to encourage mitigation and preparedness activities across the region.

Areas G, H and L also contribute funding to South Cariboo Search and Rescue for search and rescue operations and the District of 100 Mile for highway rescue services.



Solid Waste Management:

Solid waste management is a regional service which handles the diversion and disposal of garbage and recycling. This includes management of 14 landfills, 18 transfer stations, and cost sharing with the City of Quesnel for their landfill. The CRD's updated Solid Waste Management Plan (SWMP) is awaiting approval from the Ministry of Environment and Climate Change Strategy.

Implementation of the SWMP in 2024 will result in curbside garbage and recycling collection in Russet Bluff and possibly the Dog Creek Road area; transition of the Alexandria and Chimney Lake Transfer Stations to attended facilities; and access to food waste drop off at selected refuse sites.



Invasive Plants Management:

We provide various services to manage and control invasive plants, aiming to minimize harm to regional biodiversity and ecosystem health. These services encompass a land owner assistance program, public education, and compliance efforts. The program is facing cost increases due to inflationary pressures, coupled with a decline in other revenue sources.



Regional Libraries

Our regionally funded library service, supported by taxation on building values, extends its services to communities both large and small. Most new funding comes from grants, facilitating upgrades, while one-third of increased costs are covered by heightened taxation. In 2024 we will be enhancing accessibility in community libraries, optimizing the new website, and renovating the Williams Lake regional branch library. Additionally, a strategic plan will be developed to address the future needs of residents and community stakeholders within the library system.



South Cariboo Recreation:

Parts of Areas G, H and L near 100 Mile House help fund the South Cariboo Recreation service, including the South Cariboo Recreation Centre, Lumberman's Ball Fields, Robinson Ball Fields, Martin Exeter Hall Theatre and Lodge Complex, 108 Mile Lake Beach, and 100 Mile Soccer Park. The requisition is increasing so \$1.3 million can be put in capital reserves in five years. This can fund other projects, like a planned outdoor skating rink and a potential indoor pickleball court. New bleachers and infield lighting

for the baseball diamonds are also planned for this year.

Area L also funds three community halls operated by non-profit societies in Lone Butte, Interlakes, and Watch Lake. This funds insurance costs, utilities, and small project costs. Planned projects include a partial roof replacement at the Watch Lake Hall, further upgrades to the Interlakes pickleball courts, and repairs to the Lone Butte riding arena.



Fire Protection

Parts of Area L fund the Deka Lake, Interlakes, Lone Butte, and 100 Mile Volunteer Fire Departments. Except for 100 Mile VFD, each fire department is administered by the CRD. Each of the CRD's fire departments are updating their safety gear and will increasing compensation for volunteer Fire Chiefs and officers to recognize increasing workloads.

DYK: Our VFDs are always looking for new members to join – if you are ready to answer the call, give them a shout or visit www.cariboord.ca/fire-departments to join.



Water Systems:

Area L is host to the Horse Lake Water System, serving 135 connections. In 2024, we will be assessing the condition of the current reservoir and expect to replace it beginning in 2025. This project will be funded by Community Works Funds and will not impact user fees.



Regional Hospital District

Residents in the CCRHD contribute to healthcare infrastructure improvements, including facility renovations, construction, and equipment purchases. Funding is provided to Northern Health and Interior Health for these purchases.

The largest financial contribution is towards the Cariboo Memorial Hospital upgrade in Williams Lake, which will see over 9,000 square feet of floorspace added and 25 care beds. Several care units will also be added or improved, including a new medical/surgical inpatient unit, a new mental-health and substance-use inpatient unit, and an expanded ambulatory-care and oncology unit.

Reminder:

In this document, we have sought to provide an high level overview and it will not necessarily reflect the end-result for individual homeowners. For more information, contact our chief financial officer via email mailbox@cariboord.ca, phone 250-392-3351 or visit www.cariboord.ca/budget.

Understanding the 2024 CRD Budget

Timeline

- March 2023**
Amended 2023-2027 Financial Plan presented to CRD Board for adoption
- March-November 2023**
Proposed 2024-2028 Financial Plan preparation, based on operational forecasts, prior planning, policy decisions, and resident/user group feedback.
- November 8, 2023**
2024-2028 Draft Financial Plan presented to CRD Board (capital projects, new service levels, new positions).
- January 11th, 2024**
Revised 2024-2024 Draft Financial Plan presented to the CRD Board.
- February 2024**
2024-2028 Draft Financial Plan - Public Consultation & Survey
- February 29th, 2024**
202-2028 Final Financial Plan and public comments presented to CRD Board
- March 24, 2024**
Deadline for 2024-2028 Final Financial Plan adoption by CRD Board.

ELECTORAL AREA L

Review the budget & provide your feedback

As we plan and work to deliver cost-effective services, we want to hear from you. Let us know what you think about our service levels and the value you receive from your taxes.

We invite you to review the information and to share your feedback on the CRD's proposed 2024 budget prior to February 23, 2024:

- Review the information & complete our online survey or pick up a copy from your local CRD office or library.
- Email us at: mailbox@cariboord.ca
- Call our Chief Financial Officer at 250-392-3351
- Send us a message via social media.

Take the Survey

Scan to review the budget and complete the survey

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The CRD Board will review your feedback before approving the final budget in March.

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This is a high-level summary of the changes proposed to the 2024 budget. Because no resident pays into every single service that we provide, our high-level summaries are just that – high level – and will not necessarily reflect each taxpayer's unique situation. More detailed information about the budget is available at www.cariboord.ca/budget

The Budget Process


The Community Charter requires local governments to approve a five-year Financial Plan Bylaw each year by the end of March. We often refer to the Financial Plan as the Budget.

Each fall the CRD creates budgets for each of its services based on anticipated activities and priorities. Finance compiles all these budgets to make a draft financial plan. Once the drafted financial plan is approved by the CRD Board, we revise the plan based on public input and Board priorities until we reach a final version. That final version allows us to develop the Financial Plan Bylaw.

In the Financial Plan Bylaw, we set the property tax revenue we need for each service. This, in turn, forms the basis for your tax rates. The CRD Board may amend the financial plan by bylaw at any time during the five-year period.

AREA L PROPOSED 2024 TAX RATES FOR REGIONAL SERVICES

















Tax Rate by Service per \$100 000 of assessed value:

		Rural Refuse (Solid Waste Management) \$42.75			CRD Governance \$2.12
		Electoral Area Administration \$27.74			Invasive Plant Management \$2.03
		South Cariboo Regional Airport \$17.66			Bylaw Enforcement \$1.53
		Administrative Services \$7.17			South Cariboo Economic Development \$1.31
		Emergency Planning \$5.67			Grants for Assistance - Area L \$0.59
		Planning \$5.60			Heritage \$0.09
		911 Telephone Systems \$4.12			Solid Waste Management \$0.09

PROPOSED 2024 TAX RATES FOR LOCAL AREA SERVICES

Tax Rate by Service per \$100 000 of assessed value (where applicable):

Note: Only specified properties page into each Local Area Service. To confirm whether your property is included in a Local Area Service, please refer to your tax notice or contact the Chief Financial Officer.

		Interlakes Fire VFD \$90.66			Building Inspection \$2.96
		Deka Lake Fire VFD \$77.21			SC Highway Rescue \$0.72
		Lone Butte Fire VFD \$51.71			SC Search & Rescue \$0.46
		Library \$22.66			SC Cemeteries \$0.18

PARCEL TAXES AND UTILITIES

These rates are charged on a per property basis and not based on assessment for properties inside a service area.

	Interlakes Fire VFD \$50.56		Area L Community Halls \$16.12		Horse Lake Water System \$282
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Calculating Tax Rates

The CRD has 124 services. Each service covers a specific area and only taxpayers within that area pay taxes towards that service.

Each service's budget operates independently, meaning the taxes collected for that service can only be spent on that service.

If a service applies to you, the costs show in your annual tax notice, which includes your CRD taxes and other taxes that apply to you like school or police taxes. The amount you pay for a service is based either on the assessed value (calculated by BC Assessment) of your land and/or buildings (improvements) or a flat rate per land parcel or user. Service taxes are charged per \$100,000 of residential assessments.

Example:

A resident within a service area whose land and improvements are assessed at \$400,000 pays \$29.88 for the service if it has a tax rate of \$7.47 per \$100,000 (residential tax rate).

A 2024 Tax Requisition Rate Details document can be found under Budget 2024 Resources at www.cariboord.ca/budget