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## **2022 Business Plan Emergency Programs and Disaster Resilience/ All Electoral Areas (1385)**

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### **Department/Function Services**

The Cariboo Regional District Emergency Planning service was created as a result of provincial legislation requiring that Regional Districts develop an emergency management organization and prepare an emergency plan for their jurisdiction.

The CRD Emergency Program was established in 2004, authorized by Bylaw No. 3934. All electoral areas participate in this service and taxation is based on the assessed value of land and improvements. There is no requisition limit.

All Electoral Area Directors, representing Areas A, B, C, D, E, F, G, H, I, J, K and L are responsible for the governance of this service.

### **Business Plan Goals, Rationale & Strategies**

#### **2022 Goals**

- 1. Goal:** Ensure that the service is appropriately resourced to meet the emerging and increasing emergency program/disaster resilience needs of the Cariboo-Chilcotin.  
**Rationale:** The CRD has seen a marked increase in the scope, variety, and scale of emergency events over the past five years directly increasing the resources and time needed to respond effectively. In addition, the Provincial initiative to

renew/revise the Emergency Program Act will require local governments to deliver on all four emergency planning pillars (preparedness-mitigation-response-recovery).

**Strategy:** Build the necessary internal capacity to respond to the increasing demands by supplementing the current staff to carry out legislated requirements.

- 2. Goal:** To develop a flood annex to the CRD Emergency Plan.  
**Rationale:** The CRD EOC has activated for flood emergencies five times in the past four years. Hazard specific annexes will provide appropriate operational guidance during emergency response.  
**Strategy:** Use previously allocated funds to hire an external qualified consultant to work with staff to complete the annex in 2022.
- 3. Goal:** Ensure Cariboo Regional District Emergency Plan is updated annually and that the service is prepared for the implementation of the new Emergency Program Act.  
**Rationale:** The CRD emergency plan will require significant updating as the changes to the Emergency Program Act take effect over 2022 and 2023.  
**Strategy:** Prioritize and implement the Emergency Program Key Findings Report recommendations to ready for the additional demands to the service as required currently and by the new Emergency Program Act.
- 4. Goal:** Review the region's Emergency Notification System for ease of use, regional fit, and cost effectiveness.  
**Rationale:** The region's emergency notification system is undersubscribed and requires significant resourcing to maintain and administer. A review is required to determine if options better suited to regional use exist.  
**Strategy:** Allocate resources to prepare a report and present the findings to the CRD and participating municipalities.

### **Significant Issues & Trends**

The increasing frequency and severity of regional emergency events such as the 2017, 2018 and 2021 wildfire seasons, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021 flooding events, pandemic and the 2020/2021 landslides have had substantial impacts on staffing and the ability to complete workplans within proposed time frames. Ongoing requirements include training staff and volunteers, developing operational processes and procedures, and engaging effectively in pre-event preparedness activities with partner agencies and external stakeholders. Current trends see the CRD EOC activated several times a year, increasing the need to focus on sustaining efforts towards business continuity and workplace safety.

## **Measuring Previous Years Performance**

**Goal:** Transition the community liaison program to an internal function of staff and continue with the achieved successes.

- The pilot program as funded by the Canadian Red Cross Society has been completed.

**Goal:** To develop capacity at the Board and Staff level in understanding flooding and landslide events and how we best resource, prepare, respond, mitigate, and recover from these types of events.

- Ongoing



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## **2022 Business Plan Quesnel-Hixon Subdivision Erosion Protection Works Service (1390)**

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### **Department/Function Services**

The Quesnel-Hixon Subdivision Erosion Protection Works Service was established in 2012 by Bylaw No. 4754 following a petition deemed valid and sufficient. The bylaw established the service within portions of Electoral Area B for the purpose of providing erosion protection works in the Quesnel-Hixon Subdivision. Taxation for this function is collected on the basis of parcel tax only as imposed by Parcel Tax Roll Bylaw No. 5165 (2018). The parcel tax of one thousand dollars (\$1,000) per parcel per year is the taxation imposed for the provision of this service.

As the Director for Electoral Area B 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**

**Goal:** Review service and engage with stakeholders.

**Rationale:** This service is complete in 2022 and a comprehensive review must be done in conjunction with the stakeholders to determine next best steps.

**Strategy:** Review the condition of the works and expected lifespan. Upon completion, engage with the stakeholders to determine if the service should be extended or terminated.

## Overall Financial Impact

The requisition level has remained the same throughout the five-year financial plan. The annual cost of this service for each parcel is significant; however, the works were installed at the request of the property owners as the only viable option for protecting the properties. An agreement was entered with the provincial government to maintain the erosion works for a 10-year period. 2022 marks the end of the 10-year period, any unused funds collected as parcel tax may be available to refund to the property owners.

## 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.

