



2026 Business Plan South Cariboo Transit Service (1028)

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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

2026 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. Carried forward from 2025.

Overall Financial Impact

The 2026 requisition remains the same as the 2025 requisition at \$70,000.

The 2025 requisition was 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 2027 accordingly.

Significant Issues & Trends

South Cariboo Transit ridership was steady throughout 2025, but highly dependent on repeated use by individuals.

In 2024, rides totaled about 7,100 for both the municipality and the rural areas, an approximate 10% increase from the same period in 2023, demonstrating continued regular use of the service. As of September 1, 2025, rides totaled 5,159 for both municipality and rural areas.

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

Goal: Enhance marketing efforts for the service

- Partially completed and carried forward to 2026.



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Department/Function Services

The North Cariboo Transit contribution function was established through Bylaw No. 4293 in 2007. This service is delivered by means of a contract, under the Memorandum of Understanding with the City of Quesnel, which provides public transit to the Red Bluff area of Electoral Area A. Participants in the service are taxed based on the assessed value of land and improvements. The maximum requisition is the greater of \$5,560 or \$0.0534/\$1,000 of assessment.

In return for the contribution, the City of Quesnel provides an annual breakdown of statistics for the transit service.

As the Electoral Area A 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

There were no new goals identified for 2026.

Overall Financial Impact

The 2026 requisition is increased by 3% from the 2025 requisition, for a total requisition of \$7,329 to account for the higher than average CPI calculation in 2025. An increase of 3% is included in each year of the five-year financial plan.

Under the Memorandum of Understanding with the City of Quesnel, the contract value to deliver services for this function will increase by the Consumer Price Index (CPI) as of September 30 each year. This increase will be limited by the maximum requisition possible for the function as defined by the service establishment bylaw.

Significant Issues & Trends

North Cariboo Transit ridership was steady throughout the year, but highly dependent on repeated use by individuals. Statistics were requested but not provided by the service provider.

BC Transit implemented an electronic fare collection system for North Cariboo HandyDart in 2024. This new system allows for contactless tap payment methods like a mobile app, debit card, and credit card, replacing old technology and reducing barriers to fare payment and transit access.

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Measuring Previous Years Performance

There were no new goals in 2025.



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2026 Business Plan North Cariboo Cemetery Service (1031)

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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

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 2026 requisition remains the same as the 2025 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

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Measuring Previous Years Performance

There were no new goals in 2025.



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2026 Business Plan South Cariboo Cemeteries (1035)

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Department/Function Services

The South Cariboo Cemeteries Contribution Service was established in 2017 through Bylaw No. 5071 to provide a contribution of funds to the operators of registered cemeteries in the south Cariboo including the District of 100 Mile House.

The service will be provided by means of a contract (January 1, 2026 - December 31, 2028) with the District of 100 Mile House and will contribute to the 100 Mile House Cemetery. Agreements have also been entered into with the Forest Grove Recreation Commission Society to support the Forest Grove Cemetery (January 1, 2025 - December 31, 2027) and with the Lakeview Cemetery Society to support the Lakeview Cemetery (January 1, 2026 - December 31, 2028).

Electoral Areas G, H and L participate in the service and are taxed based on the assessed value of land and improvements to the greater of \$15,000 or \$0.007/\$1,000 of assessment.

Business Plan Goals, Rationale & Strategies

2026 Goals

1. **Goal:** Support the Lakeview Cemetery Society in the purchase of a lawnmower.
Rationale: A well-maintained cemetery presents a peaceful and respectful environment for visitors.

Strategy: The Lakeview Cemetery Society will manage the project with updates to and advice from Regional District staff. Funding is allocated in the financial plan to complete the project.

2. **Goal:** Support the Forest Grove Cemetery Recreation Commission Society's cemetery committee in acquiring topsoil to restore settled grave sites.
Rationale: A well-maintained cemetery presents a peaceful and respectful environment for visitors.
Strategy: The Forest Grove Cemetery Recreation Commission Society's cemetery committee will manage the project with updates to and advice from Regional District staff. Funding is available in the financial plan to support the project.

Overall Financial Impact

The 2026 requisition remains unchanged from the 2025 requisition at \$8,500.

Significant Issues & Trends

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Measuring Previous Years Performance

- Goal:** Review the contribution agreement with the District of 100 Mile House to support the 100 Mile House Cemetery.
- Completed. A three-year term renewal with a modest increase was approved.
- Goal:** Review the contribution agreement with the Lakeview Cemetery Society to support the Lakeview Cemetery.
- Completed. The agreement was renewed with a modest increase for another three-year term.



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2026 Business Plan Central Cariboo Cemetery (1036)

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Department/Function Services

The Central Cariboo Cemetery Services function was established in 2002 through Bylaw No. 3644 and amended in 2004 with Bylaw No. 3859 to allow for contributions to existing cemetery operations within Electoral Areas D, E and F and the City of Williams Lake.

The service is provided by means of a contract under the Memorandum of Understanding with the City of Williams Lake (January 1, 2026 – December 31, 2028) and agreements (January 1, 2025 – December 31, 2027) with community cemetery societies; the service contributes to the Williams Lake Cemetery and cemeteries in the Area F communities of Likely, Horsefly, Miocene and Big Lake. Electoral Areas D, E and F participate in the service and are taxed based on the assessed value of land and improvements. The maximum requisition is \$20,000.

Directors for Electoral Areas D, E and F are responsible for the governance of this service.

Business Plan Goals, Rationale & Strategies

There were no new goals identified for 2026.

Overall Financial Impact

The 2026 requisition remains the same as the 2025 requisition at \$19,000.

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

Goal: Review the contribution agreement with the City of Williams Lake to support the Williams Lake Cemetery.

- Completed. A three-year renewal at the same terms and conditions was approved.



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2026 Business Plan Central Cariboo Victim Services (1037)

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Department/Function Services

The Central Cariboo Victim Services function was established in 2002 through Bylaw No. 3781 and amended in 2008 through Bylaw No. 4421. The service is provided by means of a three-year contract (January 1, 2026 - December 31, 2028) with the City of Williams Lake to operate a Victim Services Unit in the Williams Lake RCMP Detachment.

Electoral Areas D, E, F, J and K participate in the service and are taxed based on the assessed value of land and improvements. The maximum requisition was increased in 2008 to the greater of \$22,000 or \$0.0162/\$1,000.

The Directors for Electoral Areas D, E, F, J and K are responsible for the governance of this service.

Business Plan Goals, Rationale & Strategies

There were no new goals identified for 2026.

Overall Financial Impact

The 2026 requisition remains the same as the 2025 requisition at \$29,000.

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

Goal: Review the Contribution Agreement with the City of Williams Lake.

- Completed. A three-year renewal at the same terms and conditions was approved.



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2026 Business Plan North Cariboo HandyDart (1038)

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Department/Function Services

The North Cariboo HandyDart Transit contribution function was established through Bylaw No. 4292 in 2007. This service is delivered by means of a contract, under the Memorandum of Understanding with the City of Quesnel, which provides HandyDart Transit to portions of Electoral Areas A, B, C, and I in the greater Quesnel area.

Participants in the service area are taxed based on the assessed value of improvements only. A referendum in 2014 increased the maximum requisition to the greater of \$70,000, or \$0.08971/\$1,000 of assessment, to provide a contribution more consistent with the actual local government costs for the service.

In return for the contribution, the City of Quesnel provides an annual breakdown of statistics showing met trips and unmet trips for the HandyDart service.

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

Business Plan Goals, Rationale & Strategies

There were no new goals identified for 2026.

Overall Financial Impact

The 2026 requisition will be reduced by approximately 32% from the 2025 amount to \$55,500, aligning with actual service costs. The requisition will remain at \$55,500 annually for the five-year period from 2026 – 2029.

Significant Issues & Trends

HandyDart ridership is usually steady throughout the year, but highly dependent on repeated use by individuals requiring service. Statistics were requested but not provided by the service provider.

BC Transit implemented an electronic fare collection system for North Cariboo HandyDart in 2024. This new system allows for contactless tap payment methods like a mobile app, debit card, and credit card, replacing old technology and reducing barriers to fare payment and transit access.

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Measuring Previous Years Performance

There were no new goals for 2025.



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2026 Business Plan Central Cariboo HandyDart (1039)

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Department/Function Services

The Central Cariboo HandyDart contribution function was established following a successful referendum in 2010 through adoption of Bylaw No. 4625. This service is delivered by means of a Community Transit Partnership Agreement (January 1, 2026 – December 31, 2028) with the City of Williams Lake which extends its HandyDart service to portions of Electoral Areas D, E and F in the greater Williams Lake area. Cost of the service is shared with BC Transit through an Annual Operating Agreement with the City.

Participants in the service are taxed based on the assessed value of improvements only. The maximum requisition is the greater of \$20,027 or an amount raised by applying a tax rate of \$0.0316/\$1,000 to the net taxable assessed value of land and improvements.

In return for the contribution, BC Transit provides an annual breakdown of statistics showing met trips and unmet trips for the HandyDart service.

The Directors for Electoral Areas D, E and F are responsible for the governance of this service.

Business Plan Goals, Rationale & Strategies

There were no new goals identified for 2026.

Overall Financial Impact

The 2026 requisition remains the same as the 2025 requisition at \$11,500.

Significant Issues & Trends

HandyDart ridership is usually steady throughout the year, but highly dependent on repeated use by individuals requiring service. Statistics were requested but not provided by the service provider.

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Measuring Previous Years Performance

Goal: Review the Community Transit Partnership Agreement with the City of Williams Lake to support HandyDart service.

- Completed. A three-year renewal at the same terms and conditions was approved.