

ELECTORAL AREA A

Local Area Services



Emergency Services

Emergency Services support emergency preparedness, response, and recovery across the region. Funding supports planning, training, coordination, and emergency response activities, as well as ongoing public education such as FireSmart. Electoral Areas A, B, C, and I also provide funding support to North Cariboo Search and Rescue to assist with highway rescue and search and rescue operations.

Contribution Services

Electoral Area A provides funding for local community services, including public transit, HandyDart, cemeteries, and support for the Quesnel Community Foundation. These services help residents access transportation, maintain community facilities, and support local initiatives.

Quesnel Cariboo Regional Airport

Electoral Areas A, B, C, and I contribute funding to the City of Quesnel for the operation and maintenance of the Quesnel Regional Airport. This funding supports the continued operation of the airport as a regional transportation facility.

Fire Protection

All residents contribute to the regional 9-1-1 emergency telephone service, delivered through a contract with the Regional District of Fraser-Fort George. In 2026, funding supports ongoing system upgrades and the required transition to Next Generation 9-1-1 (NG911), improving reliability and compatibility with modern emergency dispatch systems.

Funding for the Quesnel Fringe Fire Protection Area supports the replacement of the Red Bluff Firehall. A \$3.25 million loan was approved by referendum in 2024 to replace the aging facility. In 2026, work will focus on completing construction-ready designs and issuing a construction contract for bidding.

Funding for the Kersley Fire Protection Area supports equipment replacement and operational readiness, including safety equipment upgrades. A new wildland fire truck is expected to be received in 2026.

Utilities and Streetlights

In Kersley and parts of Red Bluff, some residents contribute to local streetlighting services along Maple Drive, Copper Ridge Road, and Gook Road. Electoral Area A also includes locally funded utility systems. The Benjamin Water System serves properties in the Cody Dale Road area, with funding supporting safe and reliable water service. The CRD also operates the Red Bluff Sewer System, which serves residential and commercial properties and is maintained to ensure dependable service and long-term system performance.

Economic Development

Electoral Areas A, B, C, and I support the North Cariboo Economic Development service, which funds community and economic development initiatives across the region. This includes support for agritourism, circular economy initiatives, and the launch of an expanded "Make the Move" resident attraction campaign in 2026.

Recreation Services

Parts of Electoral Areas A, B, C, and I contribute to the North Cariboo Recreation and Parks service, which supports regional recreation facilities and parks in Quesnel and surrounding areas. This service is delivered in partnership with the City of Quesnel and provides access to a range of indoor and outdoor recreation opportunities for residents.

Kersley residents also fund the operation and maintenance of the Kersley Arena and Community Centre. Funding supports the ongoing use of these facilities and periodic upgrades to improve safety, function, and comfort for users, with oversight provided by the Kersley Recreation Commission and administrative support from the CRD.



Want to learn valuable skills and help protect your community at the same time? Visit our website to learn more about how you can play a vital role as a VFD member.

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Understanding the 2026 CRD Budget

ELECTORAL AREA A

Review the budget & provide your feedback

As we make plans to deliver our 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 2026 budget prior to February 24th.

Review this information & complete the survey online

Pick up a survey from your local CRD office or library

Email us at communications@cariboard.ca with your comments

Contact us at 250-392-3351 if you would like to provide feedback

Take the Survey www.cariboard.ca/budget2026

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Regional Services

Services that support residents and communities across the Cariboo Regional District.

Administrative Services:

Administration and Corporate Services support the delivery of all regional services and include Board functions, administration, finance, communications, and information technology. These services provide governance support, financial management, public communications, and the systems staff rely on to deliver services across the region.

Solid Waste Management:

Solid Waste Management is a regional service that manages garbage and recycling across the Cariboo. This includes operating 14 landfills, 18 transfer stations, and funding waste disposal at the City of Quesnel landfill. The service also supports waste diversion through recycling, composting initiatives, site management, and enforcement of disposal bans to reduce the amount of waste sent to landfills.

Invasive Plant Management:

This service helps limit the spread of invasive plants on public and private land across the region. Funding supports landowner assistance and public education, including site visits, treatment guidance, and coordinated control efforts. The program also enforces invasive plant bylaws to help manage priority species and protect local land and resources.

Regional Libraries

Library services are funded regionally through property taxes and provide access to library facilities, collections, digital resources, and programs in communities across the Cariboo. Funding supports day-to-day operations, building maintenance, public access to materials and technology, and safe, accessible library spaces for residents.

Development Services:

Development Services support land use regulation in Electoral Areas, including building inspections, bylaw enforcement, and development compliance. These services help ensure safe construction, orderly development, and consistent standards across the region.

Regional Hospital District

Residents contribute to the cost of hospital and healthcare infrastructure across the region. This funding supports hospital renovations, new facilities, and medical equipment through Northern Health and Interior Health. A major focus continues to be improvements at Cariboo Memorial Hospital in Williams Lake, including expanded patient care space and upgraded treatment areas.

AREA A PROPOSED 2026 TAX RATES FOR REGIONAL SERVICES

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

 Rural Refuse	\$39.61 (-\$0.53 from 2025)
 Electoral Area Administration	\$27.75 (+\$0.68 from 2025)
 Library	\$20.61 (-\$0.47 from 2025)
 Administrative Services	\$7.28 (+\$0.04 from 2025)
 Planning	\$5.42 (-\$0.02 from 2025)
 Emergency Planning	\$5.01 (-\$0.27 from 2025)
 911 Telephone Systems	\$3.78 (-\$0.03 from 2025)
 Bylaw Enforcement	\$2.72 (-\$0.05 from 2025)
 North Cariboo Cemeteries	\$2.34 (-\$0.21 from 2025)
 CRD Governance	\$2.05 (No change from 2025)
 Invasive Plant Management	\$2.02 (+\$0.01 from 2025)
 North Cariboo Economic Development	\$1.04 (-\$0.09 from 2025)
 Grants for Assistance - Area A	\$0.50 (+\$0.15 from 2025)
 North Cariboo Search & Rescue	\$0.47 (-\$0.04 from 2025)
 North Cariboo Highway Rescue	\$0.32 (-\$0.03 from 2025)
 Area A - Administration	\$0.25 (+\$0.25 from 2025)
 Solid Waste Management	\$0.09 (+\$0.01 from 2025)
 Heritage	\$0.07 (-\$0.01 from 2025)

This is a high-level summary of the proposed 2026 budget and the services it supports. Not all residents pay for every service listed, and the amounts shown are estimates meant to give a general picture. Final amounts may change and may look different on individual tax notices. More detailed budget information is available at www.cariboard.ca/budget.

The Budget Process

The Local Government Act for Regional Districts requires local governments to adopt a five-year Financial Plan Bylaw each year by the end of March. This plan is commonly referred to as the budget.

Each fall, the CRD prepares budgets for each service based on expected activities and priorities. These individual budgets are combined into a draft financial plan. After the CRD Board reviews the draft, the plan may be updated based on public input and Board priorities.

Once finalized, the Financial Plan Bylaw sets the amount of property tax revenue needed for each service, which forms the basis for tax rates. The Board may amend the financial plan bylaw at any time during the five-year period.

Calculating Tax Rates

The CRD provides 124 different services. Each service applies to a specific area, and only taxpayers in that area pay for that service. Money collected for a service can only be used to fund that service.

If a service applies to your property, the cost is collected through your annual property tax bill along with other taxes, such as school or police taxes. The amount you pay is based either on the assessed value of your property, a flat rate per parcel or user, or a combination of both. Property value assessments are provided by BC Assessment, and service taxes are typically charged per \$100,000 of residential assessment.

Example:

For example, a resident within a service area with a property assessed at \$400,000 would pay \$29.88 for a service with a tax rate of \$7.47 per \$100,000 of residential assessment.

A 2026 Tax Requisition Rate Details document is available under Budget 2026 Resources at www.cariboard.ca/budget.

PROPOSED 2026 TAX RATES FOR LOCAL AREA SERVICES

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

Note: Only specified properties pay 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.

 North Cariboo Recreation	\$127.52 (+\$4.64 from 2025)
 Kersley Arena	\$66.19 (-\$4.92 from 2025)
 Kersley Fire Protection	\$62.02 (+\$3.48 from 2025)
 Quesnel Fringe Fire Protection	\$49.18 (+\$0.79 from 2025)
 Kersley Streetlighting	\$11.57 (-\$0.89 from 2025)
 Gook Road Streetlighting	\$4.05 (-\$0.54 from 2025)
 Maple Drive Streetlighting	\$3.60 (-\$0.07 from 2025)
 Building Inspection	\$2.90 (+\$0.03 from 2025)
 North Cariboo HandyDART	\$2.76 (-\$1.52 from 2025)
 North Cariboo Transit	\$2.02 (-\$0.10 from 2025)
 Quesnel Airport	\$1.95 (-\$0.17 from 2025)

UTILITIES AND SERVICES

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

 Red Bluff Sewer Extension
\$1178.46 (parcel tax)

 Benjamin Water Service
\$173.67 (parcel tax)

 Copper Road Streetlighting
\$31.25 (parcel tax)