

# ELECTORAL AREA D

## 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. Areas D, E, F, and G also provide funding for the Central Cariboo Search and Rescue, which provides highway rescue and search and rescue services.

### Recreation Services

Residents in Areas D, E, and F near Williams Lake contribute to the Central Cariboo Recreation service, supporting facilities such as the Cariboo Memorial Recreation Complex and the Esler Sports Complex. Residents of McLeese Lake and the surrounding area also fund the McLeese Lake Recreation Centre, with funding supporting facility operations including insurance, utilities, and routine upkeep.

### 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 in Area D supports local fire protection services provided by the Wildwood Volunteer Fire Department and the Williams Lake Rural Fire Protection Area, including firefighter training, equipment, and facilities. Area D collects and provides funding for properties within this fire protection area.

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### Utilities & Streetlights

Some residents in Area D contribute to local streetlighting services in Commodore Heights, Pine Valley, Westcoast Road, and Pacific Road, providing roadway lighting in these neighbourhoods. Area D also includes the Pine Valley and Wildwood sewer systems, with funding supporting the operation and maintenance of these systems to provide reliable wastewater services for connected properties.

### Economic Development

Electoral Areas D, E, F, J, and K participate in the Central Cariboo Economic Development service. Funding supports community and economic development initiatives delivered by partner organizations, including work focused on agriculture, tourism, and resident attraction. These initiatives support local economic activity, collaboration, and long-term community sustainability.

### Contribution Services

Funding in Area D supports local community services, including HandyDart transportation, Williams Lake cemetery services, victim services, and grants for community groups. These services support mobility, essential community facilities, and programs that assist residents and local organizations.

## Understanding the 2026 CRD Budget

## ELECTORAL AREA D

### 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 24<sup>th</sup>.

**Review this information & complete the survey online**

**Pick up a survey from your local CRD office or library**

**Email us at [communications@cariboard.ca](mailto:communications@cariboard.ca) with your comments**

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

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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 D PROPOSED 2026 TAX RATES FOR REGIONAL SERVICES

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

 Rural Refuse	\$39.61 <span style="color:red">(-\$0.53 from 2025)</span>
 Electoral Area Administration	\$27.75 <span style="color:green">(+\$0.68 from 2025)</span>
 Library	\$20.61 <span style="color:red">(-\$0.47 from 2025)</span>
 Administrative Services	\$7.28 <span style="color:green">(+\$0.03 from 2025)</span>
 Planning	\$5.42 <span style="color:red">(-\$0.02 from 2025)</span>
 Emergency Planning	\$5.01 <span style="color:red">(-\$0.27 from 2025)</span>
 Central Cariboo Search & Rescue	\$4.62 <span style="color:red">(-\$0.05 from 2025)</span>
 911 Telephone Systems	\$3.78 <span style="color:red">(-\$0.03 from 2025)</span>
 Central Cariboo Arts & Culture	\$3.76 <span style="color:red">(-\$0.06 from 2025)</span>
 Bylaw Enforcement	\$2.72 <span style="color:red">(-\$0.05 from 2025)</span>
 Central Cariboo Economic Development	\$2.41 <span style="color:red">(-\$0.14 from 2025)</span>
 CRD Governance	\$2.05 <span style="color:green">(No change from 2025)</span>
 Invasive Plant Management	\$2.02 <span style="color:green">(+\$0.01 from 2025)</span>
 Central Cariboo Victims Service	\$0.70 <span style="color:red">(-\$0.04 from 2025)</span>
 Grants for Assistance - Area D	\$0.58 <span style="color:red">(-\$0.38 from 2025)</span>
 Central Cariboo Cemeteries	\$0.51 <span style="color:red">(-\$0.03 from 2025)</span>
 Solid Waste Management	\$0.09 <span style="color:green">(+\$0.01 from 2025)</span>
 Heritage	\$0.07 <span style="color:red">(-\$0.01 from 2025)</span>

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](http://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](http://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.*

 Wildwood Fire	\$117.28 <span style="color:green">(+\$8.69 from 2025)</span>
 Central Cariboo Recreation	\$85.62 <span style="color:red">(-\$0.27 from 2025)</span>
 Williams Lake Rural Fire Protection	\$73.80 <span style="color:red">(-\$2.95 from 2025)</span>
 McLeese Lake Community Hall	\$10.84 <span style="color:green">(+\$2.84 from 2025)</span>
 Building Inspection	\$2.90 <span style="color:green">(+\$0.03 from 2025)</span>
 Central Cariboo HandyDART	\$0.71 <span style="color:red">(-\$0.04 from 2025)</span>

## 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.*

 Wildwood Sewer	\$113.37 (parcel tax)
 Commodore Heights Streetlighting	\$55.84 (parcel tax)
 Pacific Road Streetlighting	\$81.82 (parcel tax)
 Westcoast Road Streetlighting	\$39.33 (parcel tax)
 Pine Valley Streetlighting	\$15.82 (per \$100,000)