

# ELECTORAL AREA L

## Local Area Services



### Utilities

Electoral Area L includes the Horse Lake Community Water System, which provides treated drinking water to residents connected to the service. The CRD is responsible for operating, maintaining, and planning for the long-term sustainability of the system.

### Recreation

Parts of Areas G, H, and L near 100 Mile House contribute to the South Cariboo Recreation service, which supports regional recreation facilities and amenities including the recreation centre, ball fields, community theatre and lodge facilities, lake and beach access, and soccer fields.

Area L also funds three community halls operated by non-profit societies in Lone Butte, Interlakes, and Watch Lake

### 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.

Electoral Area L receives CRD-operated fire protection through the Deka Lake, Interlakes, and Lone Butte fire departments. Area L also contributes funding toward fire protection in the 100 Mile House Fringe, which is provided by the District of 100 Mile House.



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### 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. Most of Area L contributes funding to South Cariboo Search and Rescue, an independent society that provides search and rescue services in the area.

### Economic Development

Electoral Areas G, H, and L participate in the South Cariboo Economic Development service, which supports community and economic development initiatives across the region by funding partner organizations working in areas such as agriculture, tourism, and resident attraction, with the goal of supporting economic activity, attracting and retaining residents, and encouraging collaboration among participants.

### Contribution Services

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

### South Cariboo Airport

This service is funded in part by taxation from Electoral Areas G, H, and L and supports the operation and maintenance of the regional airport. Funding supports ongoing upkeep, minor facility improvements, and planning work to ensure the airport remains safe, functional, and able to meet future needs.

## Understanding the 2026 CRD Budget

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## 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 L PROPOSED 2026 TAX RATES FOR REGIONAL SERVICES

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

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.cariboord.ca/budget](http://www.cariboord.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.

 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>
 911 Telephone Systems	\$3.78 <span style="color: red;">(-\$0.03 from 2025)</span>
 Bylaw Enforcement	\$2.72 <span style="color: red;">(-\$0.05 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>
 South Cariboo Economic Development	\$1.17 <span style="color: red;">(-\$0.03 from 2025)</span>
 Grants for Assistance - Area L	\$0.58 <span style="color: red;">(-\$0.37 from 2025)</span>
 South Cariboo Search & Rescue	\$0.40 <span style="color: red;">(-\$0.01 from 2025)</span>
 South Cariboo Cemeteries	\$0.16 <span style="color: green;">(No change from 2025)</span>
 Solid Waste Management	\$0.09 <span style="color: green;">(+\$0.01 from 2025)</span>
 Area L - Administration	\$0.09 <span style="color: red;">(-\$0.11 from 2025)</span>
 Heritage	\$0.07 <span style="color: red;">(-\$0.01 from 2025)</span>



## 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.cariboord.ca/budget](http://www.cariboord.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.*

 Interlakes Fire Protection	\$120.00 <span style="color: green;">(+\$6.07 from 2025)</span>
 Deka Lake Fire Protection	\$76.35 <span style="color: green;">(+\$0.06 from 2025)</span>
 Lone Butte Fire Protection	\$52.19 <span style="color: green;">(+\$1.68 from 2025)</span>
 100 Mile House Fringe Protection	\$59.45 <span style="color: green;">(+\$3.03 from 2025)</span>
 South Cariboo Recreation	\$33.29 <span style="color: red;">(-\$0.56 from 2025)</span>
 South Cariboo Regional Airport	\$15.59 <span style="color: red;">(-\$0.49 from 2025)</span>
 Lone Butte House Streetlighting	\$6.94 <span style="color: red;">(-\$0.04 from 2025)</span>
 Building Inspection	\$2.90 <span style="color: green;">(+\$0.03 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.*

 Interlakes Fire Protection	\$47.88 (parcel tax)
 Horse Lake Water Service	\$170.87 (parcel tax)
 Area L Community Halls	\$15.19 (parcel tax)