



# REGIONAL DISTRICT of Fraser-Fort George

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## 2025 BUDGET REPORT FOR CONSIDERATION

TO: Chair and Directors, Committee of the Whole

FROM: Melanie Perrin, Senior Manager of Public Safety Services

DATE: January 8, 2025

SUBJECT: Valemount & District Fire Protection – 2404

SUMMARY: Purpose: Consider and Approve 2025 Budget and Five-Year Financial Plan

Attachments:

1. 2025 Proposed Budget
2. 2025 – 2029 Financial Plan

### RECOMMENDATION(S):

1. THAT the report dated January 8, 2025 regarding “Valemount & District Fire Protection – 2404” be received for information.
2. THAT the 2025 budget for Valemount & District Fire Protection be approved.
3. THAT the 2025 – 2029 Financial Plan for Valemount & District Fire Protection be approved.

ENTITLEMENT	HOW VOTE COUNTED
All 1 Director/1 vote	Majority
Electoral Area H and Valemount Weighted	Majority
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### SERVICE DESCRIPTION:

In 1983, the Valemount & District Fire Protection service was established. The fire department provides fire protection to the Village of Valemount and a portion of Electoral Area H surrounding the Village.

The Fire Protection service is undertaken by a complement of volunteer fire fighters who report, through their Fire Chief, to the Valemount and District Fire and Rescue Community Consultation Committee. The Committee is responsible for providing advice and recommendations on the fire department’s annual operating budget, capital purchases, long term financial planning, and other matters which may be referred to it by the Regional District.

The fire department is funded by a property value tax levied against the net taxable value of land and improvements within the participating areas.

The budget has been prepared in consultation with the Fire Chief and the Valemount and District Fire and Rescue Community Consultation Committee.

The Valemount and District Fire and Rescue Community Consultation Committee supports the budget as proposed and recommends approval.

### STRATEGIC PRIORITIES ALIGNMENT:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Indigenous and Intergovernmental Partnerships | <input type="checkbox"/> Organizational Strength and Adaptability | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Quality Community Services | <input type="checkbox"/> Environmental Stewardship and Climate Action |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Awareness and Engagement                      | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Statutory or Routine Business |  |   |

**SERVICE DETAILS:**

Participants: Service Area within Electoral Area H and the Village of Valemount  
Requisition Limit: \$254,850  
Requisition Limit Adjustment: 25% adjustment in 2024. Next eligible adjustment to a maximum of 25% in 2029.  
Debt Balance: None

**SERVICE WORKPLAN:**

- Purchase personal protection clothing, thermal imaging camera, and continue to upgrade small tool inventory.
- Conduct energy efficient upgrades and repairs to the fire hall building.
- Plan for future sidewalk and pavement repair work.
- Save funds to support apparatus replacement strategy and large equipment upgrade projects.

**CAPITAL PROJECTS:**

N/A

**OVERALL FINANCIAL IMPACT:**

	2024	2025	\$ Change	% Change
Total Expenditure:	\$ 243,650	\$ 259,620	\$ 15,970	6.6 %
Requisition:	\$ 203,880	\$ 254,850	\$ 50,970	25.0 %

**BUDGET INFLUENCES/SIGNIFICANT VARIANCES:**

- Budget reflects continual upgrades and maintenance to equipment and training grounds, maintaining current service levels and infrastructure planning in accordance with the Asset Management Strategy.
- Budget is challenged to meet the requirements to support the Apparatus Replacement Strategy.
- Requisition increase is required to support the Apparatus Replacement Strategy.

Respectfully submitted,

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