



**REGIONAL DISTRICT
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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: McBride District Fire Protection – 2406
 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 “McBride District Fire Protection – 2406” be received for information.
2. THAT the 2025 budget for McBride District Fire Protection be approved.
3. THAT the 2025 – 2029 Financial Plan for McBride District Fire Protection be approved.

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

The McBride District Fire Protection service was established in 1984. The service permitted the take-over of the operation of the fire department from the Village of McBride. At that time, a new fire hall was built. This service provides fire protection to the Village of McBride and a portion of Electoral Area H.

The Fire Protection service is undertaken by a complement of volunteer fire fighters who report, through their Fire Chief, to the McBride District Fire Protection 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 was prepared in consultation with the Fire Chief and the McBride District Fire Protection Community Consultation Committee.

The McBride District Fire Protection 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 McBride
Requisition Limit: Greater of \$203,190 or \$4.01 per \$1,000 (2025 limit \$825,009)
Debt Balance: None

SERVICE WORKPLAN:

- Explore options for future fire hall expansion.
- Explore options for replacing flooring on fire hall main level.
- Purchase and install new gear racks.
- Conduct energy efficient upgrades to the fire hall building.
- Purchase personal protective clothing and office/training room equipment.
- Save funds to support apparatus replacement strategy.

CAPITAL PROJECTS:

Project	Cost Estimate	Notes
Develop water supply site	\$ 94,075	Funded from Growing Communities fund.
Total:	<u>\$ 94,075</u>	

OVERALL FINANCIAL IMPACT:

	2024	2025	\$ Change	% Change
Total Expenditure:	\$ 429,702	\$ 403,193	\$ (26,509)	(6.2) %
Requisition:	\$ 248,322	\$ 260,738	\$ 12,416	5.0 %

BUDGET INFLUENCES/SIGNIFICANT VARIANCES:

- Budget reflects continual upgrades and maintenance to equipment and fire hall, maintaining current service levels and infrastructure planning in accordance with the Asset Management Strategy.
- Budget includes saving of funds to support the apparatus replacement strategy.
- A portion of the water supply site was completed in 2024, and will continue in 2025 to be funded by grants.

Respectfully submitted,

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