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# 2025 BUDGET CONSIDERATION Ferndale/Tabor Fire Protection 2407

ATTACHMENT(S): 1. 2025 Proposed Budget

2. 2025 - 2029 Financial Plan

# **SERVICE DESCRIPTION:**

The Ferndale/Tabor Fire Protection service was established in 1984 and provides fire protection to the Ferndale/Tabor area. This area also includes the Tabor Mountain Ski Lodge property.

The Fire Protection service is undertaken by a complement of volunteer fire fighters who report, through their Fire Chief, to the Ferndale/Tabor 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 service area.

The budget has been prepared in consultation with the Fire Chief and the Ferndale/Tabor Fire Protection Community Consultation Committee.

The Ferndale/Tabor Fire Protection Community Consultation Committee supports the budget as proposed and recommends approval.

#### STRATEGIC PRIORITIES ALIGNMENT:

Indigenous and Intergovernmental Partnerships		Organizational Strength and Adaptability	Quality Community Services	Environmental Stewardship and Climate Action
Awareness and Engagement	$\boxtimes$	Statutory or Routine Business		

#### **SERVICE DETAILS:**

Participants: Service Area within Electoral Areas D and F

Requisition Limit: Greater of \$104,950 or \$2.75 per \$1,000 (2025 limit \$738,038)

Debt Balance: None

#### **SERVICE WORKPLAN:**

- Continue upgrading personal protective clothing, replacement of carbon fibre SCBA air bottles and small tools and equipment inventory.
- Install a back-up generator for the fire hall.
- Save funds to support purchase of new frontline water tender in 2027.

# **CAPITAL PROJECTS:**

N/A

## **OVERALL FINANCIAL IMPACT:**

	2024		2025		\$ Change		% Change
Total Expenditure:	\$	321,823	\$	341,664	\$	19,841	6.2 %
Requisition:	\$	296,823	\$	311,664	\$	14,841	5.0 %

## **BUDGET INFLUENCES/SIGNIFICANT VARIANCES:**

• Budget supports continual upgrades and maintenance to equipment and fire hall property, maintaining current service levels, saving for frontline water tender purchase and infrastructure planning in accordance with the Asset Management Strategy.

Respectfully submitted,

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