



REGIONAL DISTRICT of Fraser-Fort George

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2025 BUDGET CONSIDERATION Buckhorn Fire Protection 2402

- ATTACHMENT(S): 1. 2025 Proposed Budget
2. 2025 – 2029 Financial Plan

SERVICE DESCRIPTION:

The Buckhorn Fire Protection service was established in 1972 and provides fire protection to the community of Buckhorn.

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

The Buckhorn 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 D
Requisition Limit: None
Debt Balance: None

SERVICE WORKPLAN:

- Place order for new frontline water tender in 2025.
- Continue to build wildland interface firefighting equipment inventory.
- Plan for future asset upgrades and replacement needs.
- Allocate as much funds as possible towards new water tender purchase.

CAPITAL PROJECTS:

Project	Cost Estimate	Notes
New Frontline Water Tender – progress payment in 2025 (total project value \$615,250)	\$ 200,000	Funded from reserve funds.
Total:	<u>\$ 200,000</u>	

OVERALL FINANCIAL IMPACT:

	2024	2025	\$ Change	% Change
Total Expenditure:	\$ 1,124,680	\$ 496,115	\$ (628,565)	(55.9) %
Requisition:	\$ 287,490	\$ 296,115	\$ 8,625	3.0 %

BUDGET INFLUENCES/SIGNIFICANT VARIANCES:

- Budget supports continual upgrades and maintenance to equipment, maintaining current service levels and infrastructure planning in accordance with the Asset Management Strategy.
- Overall budget decrease is due to the new frontline engine purchase occurring in 2024.

Respectfully submitted,

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