



REGIONAL DISTRICT of Fraser-Fort George

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2025 BUDGET CONSIDERATION Bear Lake Fire Protection 2401

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

SERVICE DESCRIPTION:

The Bear Lake Fire Protection service was established in 1978 and provides fire protection to the community of Bear Lake.

The Fire Protection service is undertaken by a complement of volunteers who report, through their Fire Chief, to the Bear Lake Community Commission. The Commission 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 between the Senior Manager of Public Safety Services and the Bear Lake Community Commission.

The Bear Lake Community Commission 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 G
Requisition Limit: Greater of \$86,875 or \$3.01 per \$1,000 (2025 limit \$171,832)
Debt Balance: None

SERVICE WORKPLAN:

- Continue recruitment and retention programs for volunteers.
- Maintain fire department operational readiness and work towards increasing level of emergency response services.
- Continue to provide opportunities for fire department leadership skill development, working towards filling the vacant Fire Chief position.
- Save funds for future frontline engine replacement.
- Upgrade of fire department equipment.
- Install fire hall back-up generator.

CAPITAL PROJECTS:

N/A

OVERALL FINANCIAL IMPACT:

	2024	2025	\$ Change	% Change
Total Expenditure:	\$ 175,200	\$ 175,665	\$ 465	0.3 %
Requisition:	\$ 165,665	\$ 165,665	\$ 0	0.0 %

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.
- Zero requisition increase is due to the re-focusing of priorities from hard goods maintenance and procurement needs to soft skill fire department continuity strategies around recruitment and fire department leadership needs.

Respectfully submitted,

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