



# REGIONAL DISTRICT of Fraser-Fort George

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## REPORT FOR CONSIDERATION

TO: Chair and Directors

FROM: Sarah White, General Manager of Financial Services

DATE: March 6, 2026

SUBJECT: Proposed 2025 – 2029 Financial Plan Bylaw No. 3383, 2025, Amendment Bylaw No. 3412, 2026

SUMMARY: Purpose: Consider Amending to the Financial Plan Bylaw

Attachments:

1. Bylaw No. 3383, 2025
2. Proposed Amendment Bylaw No. 3412, 2026

Previous Reports:

1. Item 11.2.2, March 2025

### RECOMMENDATION(S):

1. THAT the report dated March 6, 2026 regarding “Proposed 2025 – 2029 Financial Plan Bylaw No. 3383, 2025, Amendment Bylaw No. 3412, 2026” be received for information.
2. THAT” Regional District of Fraser-Fort George 2025 – 2029 Financial Plan Bylaw No. 3383, 2025, Amendment Bylaw No. 3412, 2026,” be now introduced and read a first time.
3. THAT “Regional District of Fraser-Fort George 2025 – 2029 Financial Plan Bylaw No. 3383, 2025, Amendment Bylaw No. 3412, 2026,” be given second and third readings.
4. THAT “Regional District of Fraser-Fort George 2025 – 2029 Financial Plan Bylaw No. 3383, 2025, Amendment Bylaw No. 3412, 2026” be adopted.

ENTITLEMENT	HOW VOTE COUNTED
All 1 Director/1 vote	Majority
All Weighted	Majority
All Weighted	Majority
All Weighted	2/3 Majority

### ISSUE(S):

In March 2025, the Board adopted Regional District of Fraser-Fort George 2025 – 2029 Financial Plan Bylaw No. 3383, 2025. Since that time, it has become necessary to amend the plan due to additional revenue sources being utilized which resulted in exceeding the total budgeted expenditure amount for some services.

The Board is being asked to consider adoption of “Regional District of Fraser-Fort George 2025 – 2029 Financial Plan Bylaw No. 3383, 2025, Amendment Bylaw No. 3412, 2026.”

### RELEVANT POLICIES:

1. *Local Government Act*, Section 374(2)
  - provides the ability for the financial plan bylaw to be amended at any time

**STRATEGIC PRIORITIES ALIGNMENT:**

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Indigenous and Intergovernmental Partnerships | <input type="checkbox"/> Organizational Strength and Adaptability | <input 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 RELEVANCE:**

The Financial Plan Bylaw provides the authority to undertake expenditures for all Regional District Services.

**FINANCIAL CONSIDERATION(S):**

The additional expenditures have been funded by other revenue sources and there is no change to the original tax requisition level.

**OTHER CONSIDERATION(S):**

N/A

**DECISION OPTIONS:**

1. Approve recommendations.
  - 2025 – 2029 Financial Plan will be amended as required.

Other Options:

- a. Defer adoption of the proposed amendment bylaw if additional information is required
  - 2025 – 2029 Financial Plan will not be amended to reflect additional revenue sources and additional expenditures.

**COMMENTS:**

The amended Financial Plan reflects increased activities for 2025 in the following service areas:

- General Government:
  - The General Administration revenues were amended to include additional grant funding received in 2025, interest revenue recognized in excess of budgets, and additional Information Technology (IT) service contract recoveries.
  - Community Services recognized a higher prior year surplus than planned.
  - Regional Grants in Aid budget was amended to capture additional expenses for a community forum that was partially funded by other participants.
- Protective Services:
  - Ferndale/Tabour Fire Protection, Red Rock Fire Protection, and Beverly Fire Protection deployed volunteers and equipment to assist the BC Wildfire Service with their response to the 2025 seasonal wildfires. As a result, recoveries for volunteer time and equipment rental were received and used to provide honorariums to the volunteers and to enhance truck replacement and operating reserves for future departmental needs.
  - Red Rock Hixon, Shell-Glen, and Pilot Mountain Fire Protection services received donations that were used to fund supplies and equipment.

- Several fire services received Community Works Grant funding related to various facility upgrade projects.
- All Fire Protection services received UBCM grant funds which were used to fund supplies and equipment for these services.
- Emergency Preparedness Service received significant grant revenues from UBCM for the Dore River project and CRI Fire Smart that were utilized during the year.
- Fire Department Coordination recognized a higher prior year surplus than planned.
- Untidy and Unsightly Services collected fine revenues in excess of budget.
- Transportation Services:
  - Street Lighting services recognized additional revenues related to grants and prior year surpluses.
- Environmental Health:
  - Rural Transfer Station service had a larger prior year surplus than planned.
  - Azu Water System received Community Works funding for infrastructure replacement.
  - Tallus Road Community Sewer Services received more user fees than anticipated.
- Public Health & Welfare:
  - Chilako/Nechako Resue Services deployed volunteers and equipment to assist the BC Wildfire Service with their response to the 2025 seasonal wildfires. As a result, recoveries for volunteer time and equipment rental were received and used to provide honorariums to the volunteers and to enhance truck replacement and operating reserves for future departmental needs.
  - 9-1-1 Emergency Response Service had a larger prior year surplus than planned.
- Recreation & Culture:
  - Bear Lake Community Hall, Nukko Lake Community Hall, Dome Creek Recreation Facility, and the Robson Valley Recreation centre utilized Community Works grant funding for facility upgrades.
  - Robson Valley Rec Centre, Nukko Lake Community Hall, and Sinclair Mills Community Hall had prior year surpluses in excess of the budget.
  - Bear Lake Recreation Facilities received funding from the Local Government Climate Action Plan (LGCAP) grant for the purchase and installation of an air conditioning unit.
  - Nukko Lake Community Hall recognized anticipated insurance proceeds based on the expected cost of re-building the facility that was destroyed by a fire in late 2025.
  - Tete Jaune Community Hall received a grant from Northern Development Initiative Trust (NDIT) for their roof repair project.
- Environmental Development:
  - Regional Land Use Planning and Economic Development had additional Prior Year Surplus that was transferred to reserves in 2025.
- Other:
  - Heritage Conservation utilized for reserve funds for minor capital improvements at the Exploration Place building.

- Municipal Debt:
  - Debt interest was higher than anticipated related to the City of Prince George loans, these additional costs are fully offset by recoveries from the City of Prince George.

Attached to the report is the Five-Year Financial Plan 2025 – 2029, as set out in Schedule “A” of proposed Amendment Bylaw No. 3412, 2026, that is provided for Directors’ information.

Respectfully submitted,

**“Sarah White”**

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