



Fire Protection – Bella Coola (Tonquin Road)

Service Overview

The Bella Coola Fire Local Service Area was established by bylaw in 1992 when the Regional District became responsible for the defunct improvement district which had provided fire protection service to the Bella Coola town site located in Electoral Area E. The service area boundary has been extended to cover the small portion of Area D based on the petitions in 1992.

A dedicated group of volunteers deliver the function. This service is also the subject of a mutual aid agreement between all volunteer fire departments in the Bella Coola includes the Noosatsum Waterworks Improvement Districts as well as the Nuxalk Nation Fire Department.

Budget Highlights

No change to the taxation.

The Board approved the honorarium policy for volunteer firemen in 2023.
(\$2,500 in 2024)

The Volunteer Fire Department provides their input on the budget each year, especially regarding equipment, training, and honorarium.

The CCRD awarded \$29,679 funding for Bella Coola Fire Department Equipment and Training and \$28,643 expended and the project was complete in 2023.

The fund has been set aside in the asset replacement fund for future fire truck replacement.

The Board allocated \$13,000 from Bella Coola Fire Protection budget for hiring a part-time local fire service coordinator to support the volunteer fire department.

	2024 Budget	2023 Budget	\$ Change	% Change
Income				
Budget Surplus Beginning of Year	22,207.26	15,284.00	6,923.26	45.3%
Local Taxation	50,704.00	50,704.00	0.00	0.0%
UBCM Grant	0.00	29,679.00	(29,679.00)	-100.0%
Grants in lieu of taxes	5,862.97	4,059.00	1,803.97	44.4%
Fire Protection Tolls	9,581.06	9,574.00	7.06	0.1%
Total Income	\$ 88,355.29	\$ 109,300.00	(20,944.71)	-19.2%
Expenses				
Apportioned Administration fees	2,277.07	10,814.00	(8,536.93)	-78.9%
Capital Works	2,500.00	2,500.00	0.00	0.0%
Contingency	2,609.00	2,609.00	0.00	0.0%
Firemen's Honorarium	2,500.00	2,500.00	0.00	0.0%
Operating expenses	49,534.58	41,198.00	8,336.58	20.2%
Grant Funding Projects	0.00	29,679.00	(29,679.00)	-100.0%
Asset Replacement	20,000.00	20,000.00	0.00	0.0%
Total Expenses	\$ 79,420.65	\$ 109,300.00	(29,879.35)	-27.3%
Budget surplus, end of year	\$ 8,934.64	0.00	\$ 8,934.64	100.0%

