

Bella Coola Airport

Service Overview

The Transport Canada certified Bella Coola Airport is located just off Highway 20, 12 km east of Bella Coola near the Bella Coola River. The airport was established by residents and volunteers in 1966. Responsibility for the airport was given to the Ocean Falls Regional District (now the Central Coast Regional District) in 1972 to enable access to provincial government funds for airport infrastructure. Grant funding was obtained in 1978 to complete the purchase of the airport site, construct the terminal building, install security fencing and build a parking lot and access road.

The Bella Coola airport is managed and operated by the CCRD. Prior to 2011, the airport was primarily managed by a volunteer-based airport commission. Today, private planes, charters, and helicopters use the airport. Pacific Coastal Airlines has scheduled daily flights to/from Vancouver on a year-round basis. The surrounding mountainous terrain does not permit the use of electronic instrument navigation and landing aids, and therefore all flights are conducted under Visual Flight Rules, which excludes operating at night. The local service area for the Airport is Electoral Areas C, D, and E.

Budget Highlights

No change in taxation. -Rates and charges increase by a 3% cost-of-living adjustment, effective February 1, 2026. The 2025 increase to taxation and rates and charges has addressed the previous budget deficit.

The Bella Coola Airport is a critical and vital service for the community. The costs of operating an airport are significant and subject to revenue variations based on external factors (air traffic).

Special Project (Grant Funding)

A \$2,800,000 Federal Airport Capital Assistance Program (ACAP) grant application was submitted for funding to undertake runway rehabilitation. The ACAP provides 100% funding for eligible runway rehabilitation projects at smaller, certified airports. The Regional District covered the upfront costs for engineering and application fees in 2025. If the project is approved, these costs can be recovered and returned to the Asset Replacement Reserve.

A BC Air Access Program funding of \$66,770 paired with \$41,180 of Community Works Funds supports the replacement of

the covered bench in front of the terminal building, gate and fencing, the repair or replacement of the terminal's automatic doors (\$52,950), and an updated Airport Master Plan (\$55,000).

Operating Expenses

- \$33,137 Airport Management Support
- \$49,908 for the new snow removal contract
- Contingency budget reduced by \$19,967

Operating Reserve

Was established with an initial contribution of \$11,400 to support upcoming regulatory assessments, continued compliance and operational readiness.

	2025 Budget	2026 Budget	\$ Change	% Change
Budget Surplus Beginning of Year	\$20,546.40	\$35,499.65	\$14,953.25	72.80%
Grant Funding	\$71,119.61	\$2,866,770.00	\$2,795,650.39	3930.9%
User Fees and Charges	\$369,316.43	\$378,374.80	\$9,058.37	2.50%
Taxation	\$28,500.00	\$28,500.00	\$0.00	0.00%
Transfer from Asset Replacement Fund	\$39,500.00	\$0.00	(\$39,500.00)	-100.00%
Total Income	\$528,982.44	\$3,309,144.45	\$2,780,162.01	525.60%
Appportioned Administration Fees	\$24,568.84	\$22,190.00	(\$2,378.84)	-9.70%
Operating Expenditure	\$332,783.60	\$337,741.15	\$4,957.55	1.50%
Contingency	\$51,010.39	\$31,043.31	(\$19,967.08)	-39.10%
Capital Works	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0.00%
Grant Funding Project	\$110,619.61	\$2,866,770.00	\$2,756,150.39	2491.60%
Operating Reserve	\$0.00	\$11,400.00	\$11,400.00	100.00%
Contribution to Reserve Account (Asset Replacement)	\$10,000.00	\$40,000.00	\$30,000.00	300.00%
Total Expenses	\$528,982.44	\$3,309,144.45	\$2,780,162.01	525.60%

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Solid Waste Management

Service Overview

The Thorsen Creek Waste and Recycling Centre (TCWRC) offers a wide range of free recycling services, as well as a transfer station for household garbage, construction and demolition debris, yard waste, appliances and metals. The Thorsen Creek Landfill is located adjacent to the transfer station and can be accessed by commercial haulers. A transfer station attendant is on-site during hours of operation (Wednesday 8:30 am to 5:30 pm and Saturday 8:30 am to 5:30 pm) and can help answer questions and direct the sorting of waste. All customers are to report to the attendant for any non-household garbage.

The CCRD continues to appeal to the Province regarding needed investments in the landfill to comply with provincial regulations. Increased operating costs are also expected for the landfill to maintain compliance. This includes surface drainage upgrades, enhanced waste containment, and ongoing environmental monitoring.

The CCRD Board and staff are currently looking at how to implement these changes in collaboration with the Nuxalk Nation and are hopeful that a per-bag household waste fee can be avoided at this time. Discussions with the Nuxalk Nation regarding their annual contribution are progressing positively; however, the projected revenue is provisional and may be subject to change.

Budget Highlights

No change in rates and charges.

The Board approved a local property taxation increase of \$46,075 to meet the regulatory obligations, address inflationary cost pressures, and stabilize long-term operations. In combination with an increase to the Nuxalk Nation's annual contribution, it may be possible to avoid the addition of a per-bag fee for household waste.

Grant Funding Expense

The Province has granted \$2.3 million to address landfill issues. The remaining \$1.12 million was deferred from 2025. This is being allocated towards capital and improvement projects aimed at enhancing landfill sustainability and ensuring regulatory compliance.

Operating Expense

- Annual Water Testing & Monitoring - \$35,000
- \$50,000 from the Community Works Fund allocated to develop a Solid Waste Management Plan.
- Proposed increase in operating expenses of \$76,840 to reflect the new operations contract and the increased regulatory obligations.
- Projected 2025 Landfill Closure/Post Closure Reserve contribution \$378,246 using surplus to partially 'catch up' on non-negotiable regulatory requirements.
- Operating Reserve contribution of \$42,000 to spread out the recurring cost of the Solid Waste Management Plan; Design, Operation and Closure Plan; and Detailed Fill Plan.

	2025 Budget	2026 Budget	\$ Change	% Change
Budget Surplus Beginning of Year	\$93,947.54	\$165,894.19	\$71,946.65	76.60%
Local Taxation	\$183,924.54	\$230,000.00	\$46,075.46	25.10%
Nuxalk Nation Contributions	\$105,000.00	\$230,000.00	\$125,000.00	119.00%
Interest Revenue	\$34,531.77	\$49,329.12	\$14,797.35	42.90%
Other Revenue (From Recycling Program)	\$24,780.24	\$40,000.00	\$15,219.76	61.40%
Grant Funding	\$1,150,000.00	\$1,119,866.28	(\$30,133.72)	-2.60%
User Fees and Charges	\$231,447.14	\$231,253.78	(\$193.36)	-0.10%
Total Income	\$1,823,631.23	\$2,066,343.37	\$242,712.14	13.30%
Apportioned Administration Fees	\$42,972.88	\$41,050.13	(\$1,922.75)	-4.50%
Contingency	\$37,664.47	\$51,427.09	\$13,762.62	36.50%
Capital Works	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0.00%
Operating Expenses	\$347,913.26	\$424,753.76	\$76,840.50	22.10%
Grant Funded Project	\$1,150,000.00	\$1,119,866.28	(\$30,133.72)	-2.60%
Asset Replacement	\$5,000.00	\$9,000.00	\$4,000.00	80.00%
Landfill Post Closure Reserve	\$240,026.31	\$378,246.11	\$138,219.80	57.60%
Operating Reserve	\$54.31	\$42,000.00	\$41,945.69	77,233.80%
Total Expenses	\$1,823,631.23	\$2,066,343.37	\$242,712.14	13.30%

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Centennial Pool

Service Overview

Originally built in 1967, the Centennial Pool was constructed with proceeds from the federal government as part of their Centennial celebrations. After many years of service, the pool required replacement. Construction of the new pool is now complete and 2026 will be the grand opening of the new pool! You will find it at the same location in Hagensborg, east of the Bella Coola town site. The Board has prioritized completion of the pool to provide the community with many more years of use and enjoyment.

This pool is an outdoor pool and is usually operated from June through August. The swimming pool plans to continue providing lifeguard training and leadership opportunities for the youth of the Bella Coola Valley as it has since it originally commenced operations. When in operation, services include swimming lessons, lifesaving and First Aid, leadership training, private rentals, school events, public and lap swims.

Budget Highlights

An estimated \$55,670 property tax increase is proposed to maintain the service level and address increased operating costs associated with the new pool.

Rates and charges are increasing by 10%.

The pool project - Phase 1 is substantially complete. An estimated \$292,238 was needed to be borrowed to complete the pool project.

The Board has authorized the 2026 debt repayment, estimated to be \$64,182.28 in 2026, to be funded from Community Works Funds which will reduce the cost to the pool users and to taxation.

Operating Costs

- The 2026 budget includes \$8,863.90 to fund the purchase of lane dividers, a foam boat, instructor mat, fins, masks, volleyball or basketball nets and a wheelchair.
- This budget includes increased operating costs for the new larger pool, requiring an estimated additional \$31,000 for fuel, hydro, chemicals and insurance.
- The service level has not been increased.

Grant Funding

- \$10,101 Active Communities Grant (deferred from 2025) will be used to support staff pool training for the 2026 season.
- Two tot docks funded from Community Works Funds in the amount of \$7,300 are also planned to be purchased in 2026.

	2025 Budget	2026 Budget	\$ Change	% Change
Budget Surplus Beginning of Year	\$128,820.68	\$7,559.09	(\$121,261.59)	-94.10%
Local Taxation	\$157,233.00	\$212,903.08	\$55,670.08	35.40%
Grant Funding	\$3,256,092.58	\$3,690,851.58	\$434,759.00	13.40%
User Fees and Charges	\$0.00	\$29,977.95	\$29,977.95	100.00%
Borrowing	\$400,000.00	\$35,000.00	(\$365,000.00)	-91.30%
Other Revenue (Counter Sales)	\$0.00	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	100.00%
Transfer from Asset Replacement Fund	\$57,724.00	\$0.00	(\$57,724.00)	-100.00%
Total Income	\$3,999,870.26	\$3,977,291.70	(\$22,578.56)	-0.60%
Apportioned Administration Fees	\$6,538.16	\$13,534.90	\$6,996.74	107.00%
Capital Works	\$0.00	\$35,000.00	\$35,000.00	100.00%
Operating Expenditure	\$10,775.33	\$235,190.58	\$224,415.25	2082.70%
Contingency	\$3,740.19	\$6,816.22	\$3,076.03	82.20%
Grant Funding Project	\$3,978,816.58	\$3,680,750.00	(\$298,066.58)	-7.50%
Asset Replacement	\$0.00	\$6,000.00	\$6,000.00	100.00%
Total Expenses	\$3,999,870.26	\$3,977,291.70	(\$22,578.56)	-0.60%
Budget Surplus (End of Year)	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0.00%

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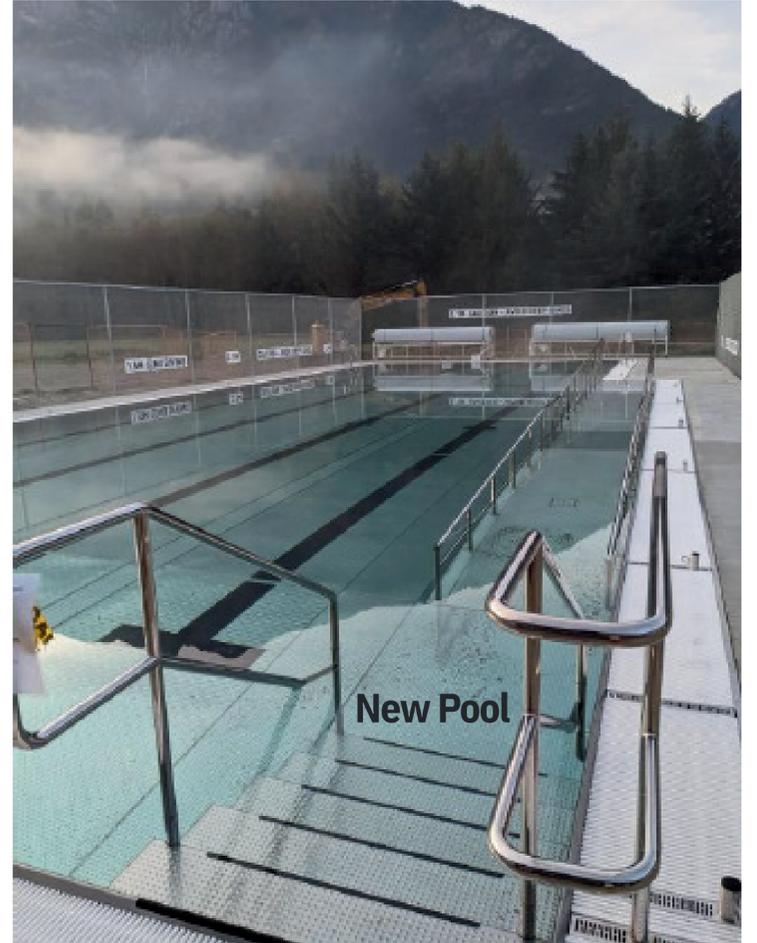
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Centennial Pool

Phase 1 - Pool Replacement Project

Budget Sources	
Community Economic Recovery Infrastructure Program Grant	\$990,840.00
Community Works Fund	\$850,299.42
Northern Development Initiatives Trust Grant	\$250,000.00
Growing Communities Fund	\$305,000.00
UBCM Strategic Priorities Initiative Fund Grant	\$2,700,000.00
Swimming Pool Annual Budget	\$322,724.00
Borrowing (estimated)	\$292,238.00
Total Budget	\$5,711,101.42



- UBCM SPF \$2.7 million has been earmarked for the project.
- NDIT - \$250,000 (local contribution \$57,724 from Asset Replacement Fund towards the project).
- Growing Communities Grant -\$305,000 including \$80,000 reallocated towards the project.
- Community Works Fund - \$850,229.42 has been allocated to this project.
- Community Economic Recovery Infrastructure Program \$990,840 from Ministry of Municipal Affairs. It has been fully expended.
- The Centennial Pool Renewal Project was largely completed by the end of 2025. A remaining water service upgrade is scheduled for spring 2026, with the final amount of borrowing to be determined as part of this work. An amount of \$35,000, including a contingency allowance, has been set aside and will be funded through short-term borrowing.



Phase 2

Warm Pool Project

A grant application in the amount of \$3,680,750 was submitted to the Strategic Priorities Fund 2026 intake for the Centennial Pool Renewal Project - Phase 2. The photo to the left shows the location of the proposed warming pool. Results of the application are not yet available.

Funding from this grant and the capital project associated are both included in the 2026 budget. Should the application be successful, further information will be forthcoming.

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Bella Coola Valley Parks and Rec

Service Overview

The CCRD provides and maintains 3 regional parks:

- Nusatsum Regional Park, which features a picnic area and playground in Area C;
- Snootli Creek Regional Park, which features a picnic area, beaver pond and the Big Cedars trail in Area D, located adjacent to;
- Walker Island Regional Park.

Budget Highlights

Proposed local taxation decrease of 23.5% (\$12,759.70)

The CCRD Board of Directors has approved a reduction in taxation in 2026 for Bella Coola Parks and Recreation. The local taxation has been set at \$41,635.30. There has been a budgeted increase to the rates and charges as previously planned to help cover maintenance costs.

Grant Funding Projects

1. Great Bear Playground Project –Awarded \$902,655 from the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing. \$29,368 deferred from 2025 to 2026. The remaining funds will be utilized for park amenities (i.e. benches, picnic tables and a garbage receptacle).

NDIT Community Places for Snootli Ice Rink Repair Project (awarded \$21,000 grant funding and \$10,319.80 local contribution) for Snootli Ice Rink Repair.

Capital Works

- \$2,500 - Ramp Railing in the Walker Island Park (deferred from 2025).

Operating Expenses

- \$1,500 - to support supplies and labour required for minor repairs and snow removal at the Snootli Ice Rink
- \$5,359 - reduction in maintenance budget from 2025

	2025 Budget	2026 Budget	\$ Change	% Change
Budget Surplus Beginning of Year	\$12,073.20	\$9,006.06	(\$3,067.14)	-25.40%
Local Taxation	\$54,395.00	\$41,635.30	(\$12,759.70)	-23.50%
Grant Funding	\$42,187.47	\$50,367.68	\$8,180.21	19.40%
User Fees and Charges	\$3,960.00	\$3,986.10	\$26.10	0.70%
Total Income	\$112,615.67	\$104,995.14	(\$7,620.53)	-6.80%
Apportioned Administration Fees	\$29,226.48	\$5,074.81	(\$24,151.67)	-82.60%
Capital Works	\$2,500.00	\$2,500.00	\$0.00	0.00%
Operating Expenses	\$28,701.72	\$27,726.79	(\$974.93)	-3.40%
Grant Funded Project	\$42,187.47	\$60,687.48	\$18,500.01	43.90%
Asset Replacement	\$10,000.00	\$9,006.06	(\$993.94)	-9.90%
Total Expenses	\$112,615.67	\$104,995.14	(\$7,620.53)	-6.80%
Budget Surplus (End of Year)	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0.00%

Rates & Charges

Program	Fees		
	2025	2026	2027
Volleyball (per team/per season)	\$90	\$92.70	\$95.50
Slow Pitch (per team/per season)	\$270	\$278.10	\$286.40
Concession Rental (per day)	\$90	\$92.70	\$95.50
Bathroom Only Rental (per day)	\$36	\$37.10	\$38.20

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House Numbering - BCV

Service Overview

The CCRD assigns house numbers (addresses) through this service to properties in Electoral Areas C, D and E. The addresses complement the existing house number program on the neighbouring Nuxalk reserve lands, and the house numbers are intended to assist emergency responders such as the RCMP, ambulance, and fire service. Each existing dwelling in the valley at the time of adoption was issued a house number, with signage requirements.

All residents are urged to install appropriate house identification numbers for their properties to assist emergency personnel. House number addresses are available by contacting the CCRD.

Budget Highlights

No increase in taxation.

\$3,904 is available for future house numbering initiatives.

	2025 Budget	2026 Budget	\$ Change	% Change
Budget Surplus Beginning of Year	\$3,971.00	\$3,904.08	(\$66.92)	-1.70%
Local Taxation	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$0.00	0.00%
Total Income	\$4,971.00	\$4,904.08	(\$66.92)	-1.30%
Apportioned Administration Fees	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$0.00	0.00%
Operating Expenses	\$3,971.00	\$3,904.08	(\$66.92)	-1.70%
Total Expenses	\$4,971.00	\$4,904.08	(\$66.92)	-1.35%
Budget Surplus (End of Year)	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0.00%

Street Lighting - BCV

Service Overview

The Bella Coola Valley street light service includes 24 streetlights along Highway 20 through Electoral Areas C, D and E.

Budget Highlights

Taxation reduced from \$7,214 to \$6,020.
Taxation decreases by 17% (\$1,194).

Utility costs continue to increase annually, with \$5,665.36 budgeted in 2026.

Contingency budget removed.

Reserve Fund contribution reduced by 19% (\$578).

	2025 Budget	2026 Budget	\$ Change	% Change
Budget Surplus Beginning of Year	\$3,807.85	\$2,422.18	(\$1,385.67)	-36.40%
Local Taxation	\$7,214.00	\$6,020.00	(\$1,194.00)	-16.60%
Ministry of Transportation Cost Share	\$645.00	\$645.36	\$0.36	0.10%
Total Income	\$11,666.85	\$9,087.54	(\$2,579.31)	-22.10%
Apportioned Administration Fees	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$0.00	0.00%
Contingency	\$2,166.85	\$0.00	(\$2,166.85)	-100.00%
Operating Expenses	\$5,500.00	\$5,665.36	\$165.36	3.00%
Contribution to Reserve Account	\$3,000.00	\$2,422.18	(\$577.82)	-19.30%
Total Expenses	\$11,666.85	\$9,087.54	(\$2,579.31)	-22.10%
Budget Surplus (End of Year)	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0.00%

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Bella Coola Valley

Fire Protection

Service Overview

The Bella Coola Valley Fire Protection Service, comprised of the former Hagensborg and Bella Coola Fire Services which were merged by bylaw in 2025, now serves a large portion of the Bella Coola Valley, still with two firehalls.

A dedicated group of volunteers continues to deliver the function. This service is also the subject of a mutual aid agreement between all volunteer fire departments in the Bella Coola Valley that includes the Noosatsum Waterworks Improvement Districts and the Nuxalk Nation Fire Department. The Volunteer Fire Department provides input on the budget each year, especially regarding equipment, training, and honorarium.

Budget Highlights

An increase to taxation to meet the enhanced requirements for Fire Services

UBCM Grants are budgeted to provide \$80,000 for equipment and training support and \$30,000 under a new intake for UBCM Grants for additional equipment and training support. This funding will improve emergency preparedness, enhance response abilities, and ensure that volunteer firefighters meet the *BC Structure Firefighter Minimum Training Standards, 2022* revision, and the *Fire Safety Act, BC*, that came into force in August, 2024.

The 2026 Budget is primarily focused on supporting the smooth transition of the Fire Service merger. In an effort to reduce the overall costs, the 2026 budget does not include adequate contributions to the Asset Replacement Fund. This will be revisited and adjusted in future budget years to ensure long-term financial sustainability.

Capital Costs

A new fire truck is planned in 2026 for the Hagensborg firehall. The total cost of the new fire truck is \$812,537, fully funded from existing fire service reserves with no additional taxation impact. Additionally, the proposed budget includes \$10,000 in capital requests from the Fire Chiefs in the 2026 Fire Services budget.

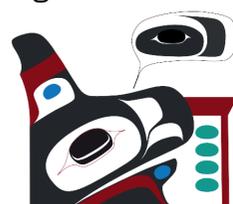
Operating Costs

Proposed Fire Service budget includes \$55,500 honorarium for Fire Chief, Deputy Fire Chiefs, and firefighters. The surplus from 2025 is being used to fund the contribution to asset replacement and the transition costs (\$30,000) for rebranding the fire trucks, logos, uniform patches, firehall signage.

	2025 Budget	2026 Budget	\$ Change	% Change
Budget Surplus Beginning of Year	\$133,335.99	\$86,527.32	(\$46,808.67)	-35.10%
Local Taxation	\$90,704.00	\$132,757.04	\$42,053.04	46.40%
UBCM Grant	\$80,000.00	\$110,000.00	\$30,000.00	37.50%
Other Revenue (Interest Revenue)	\$382.00	\$382.00	\$0.00	0.00%
Grants in Lieu of Taxes	\$9,380.70	\$9,135.59	(\$245.11)	-2.6%
Transferred from Reserve Fund	\$0.00	\$812,536.62	\$812,536.62	100%
Fire Protection Tolls	\$32,670.00	\$35,136.46	\$2,466.46	7.50%
Total Income	\$346,472.69	\$1,186,457.03	\$840,002.34	242.40%
Apportioned Administration Fees	\$6,001.65	\$3,561.08	(\$2,440.57)	-40.70%
Capital Works	\$5,000.00	\$822,536.62	\$817,536.62	16350.70%
Contingency	\$7,515.47	\$7,183.94	(\$331.53)	-4.40%
Firemen's Honorarium	\$11,000.00	\$55,500.00	\$44,500.00	404.5%
Operating Expenses	\$143,348.07	\$101,166.07	(\$42,182.00)	-29.40%
Grant Funded Project	\$80,000.00	\$110,000.00	\$30,000.00	37.50%
Transition Support	0	\$30,000.00	\$30,000.00	100.00%
Contribution to Asset Replacement	\$93,607.50	\$56,527.32	(\$37,080.18)	-39.60%
Total Expenses	\$346,472.69	\$1,186,475.03	\$840,002.34	242.40%

Note: The 2025 Budget column includes the combined budgets for the former Bella Coola and Hagensborg Fire Services

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