



October 13, 2022

Area “B” Community Meeting Blue River & Avola



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Agenda

1. Introduction
2. TNRD Emergency Program
3. Garbage and Recycling Collection
4. TNRD Area “B” Community Services Update
5. TNRD Area “B” 2023 Budget
6. Question & Answer with TNRD staff and Electoral Area Director

Introduction



Introduction – What is the TNRD

About the TNRD

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Encompassing 44,449 square kilometres in the southern interior of BC, the Thompson-Nicola region is characterized by river valleys, desert terrain, rolling grasslands and towering mountains.

The region offers a range of rural and urban lifestyles, from the ranching communities in Lower Nicola to the convergence of the Fraser and Thompson Rivers in Lytton, from the wilderness of the North Thompson Valley to the hub of the City of Kamloops. It is home to more than 60 provincial parks, 12 regional libraries and Thompson Rivers University.



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Municipalities

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Electoral Areas

124

Services



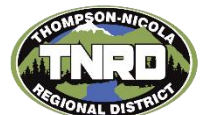
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Introduction - What is the TNRD

- Local Government – 26 elected Directors (representing EAs & municipalities)
- All policy and strategic direction set by the Board
- Staff responsible for delivering the services and following policies set by the Board

All services are independent

Money collected for a service cannot be used elsewhere

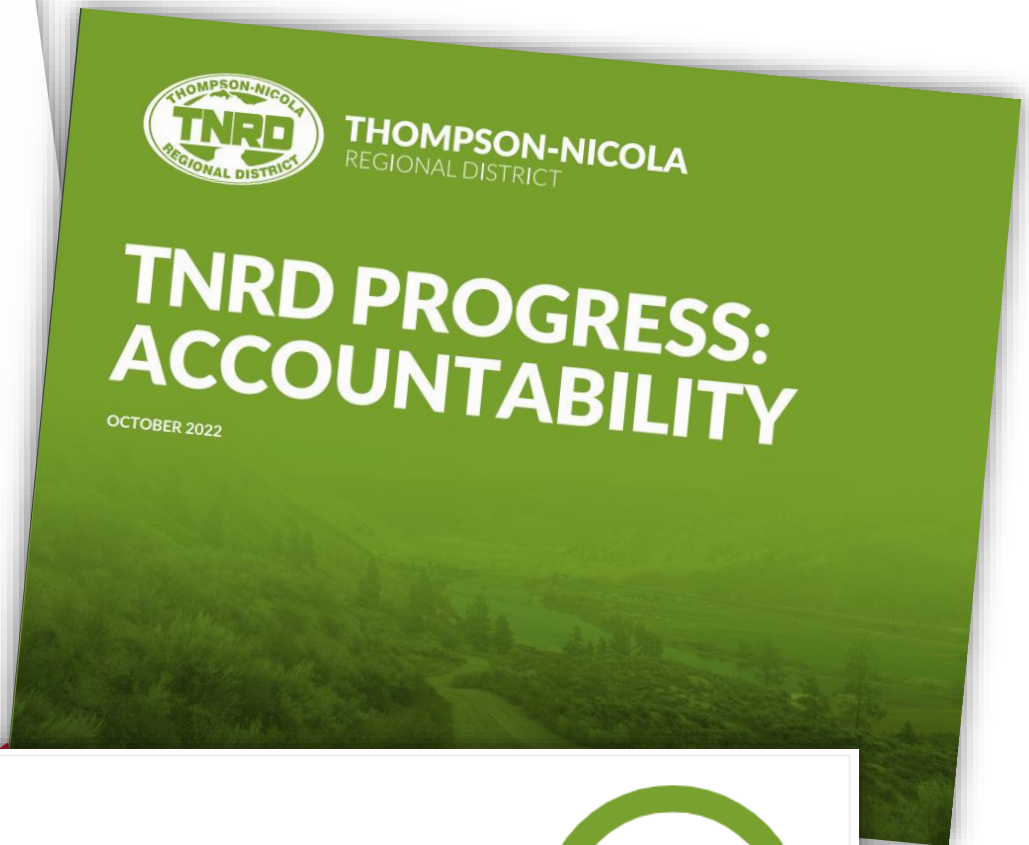


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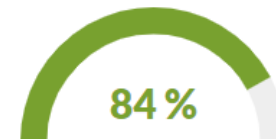
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Progress on Recommendations

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Introduction – Committee Changes

- TNRD Board Committee Review – June 2022
- Thompson Headwaters Services Committee dissolved
- Replaced with “broader public consultation process”

New EA “B” Engagement Process:

- Two (2) community meetings per year (Sept/Oct & Feb/Mar)
- Working groups (i.e. Blue River Trails & Blue River Tourism) – Provide input to staff
- Website to share information and receive feedback
- Public surveys
- Direct communication always welcome (phone, email, coffee)



Questions?



TNRD Emergency Program



Emergency Program

- Local governments have specific emergency management powers – granted by the Province
- Issue evacuation alerts & orders
 - Evacuation decisions based on recommendations from on-the-ground agencies (i.e. BC wildfire)
- Primary role is safety of residents & support while evacuated
 - Work closely with Province (TNRD reimbursed for all eligible costs)

Get people out of harm's way and support them until they can return home



Emergency Program

- Emergency Operations Center (EOC) activated during disasters
- TNRD staff work in EOC
- TNRD has one dedicated Emergency Program Coordinator who reports to the Manager of Community and Emergency Services



Emergency Program

Following Disaster: Support recovery efforts

- Assist with Disaster Financial Assistance (DFA) process and other sources of assistance (i.e. Canadian Red Cross)
- Coordinate debris clean-up (when supported)
- Work with provincial agencies to protect properties (i.e. landslide risk, stream bank protection, etc.)



Emergency Program



AVOLA – BLUE RIVER EVACUATION PLAN

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Emergency Program



Questions?



Garbage and Recycling Collection



Garbage and Recycling Collection

- Contract with BRID ending in Dec 31, 2022
- Due to operating boundary restrictions, BRID no longer able to provide the Electoral Area wide service
- Blue River Eco-Depot Operations contract (SCV Contractors) ends June 30, 2023
- Request For Proposal (RFP) will be issued looking for contractor to provide BOTH collection services and operated Eco-Depot
- **Excellent local business opportunity!**



Garbage and Recycling Collection

RFP Scope of Work:

- Garbage and recycling collection to all homes and businesses in EA “B”
- Provide all labour – collection truck driver (3 days per week) and Eco-Depot attendant (4 days per week)
- Provide all equipment (Truck) - TNRD truck available for purchase or supply other truck capable of tipping carts
- Not included:
 - Bin hauling from Eco-Depot (this will be part of region wide contract)
 - TNRD retain ownership of carts – contractor will repair carts with parts provided by TNRD – replacement carts provided by TNRD



Questions?



TNRD Area “B” Community Services

Parks, community halls, cemeteries, street lighting,
radio rebroadcasting, and tourism marketing



Cemeteries



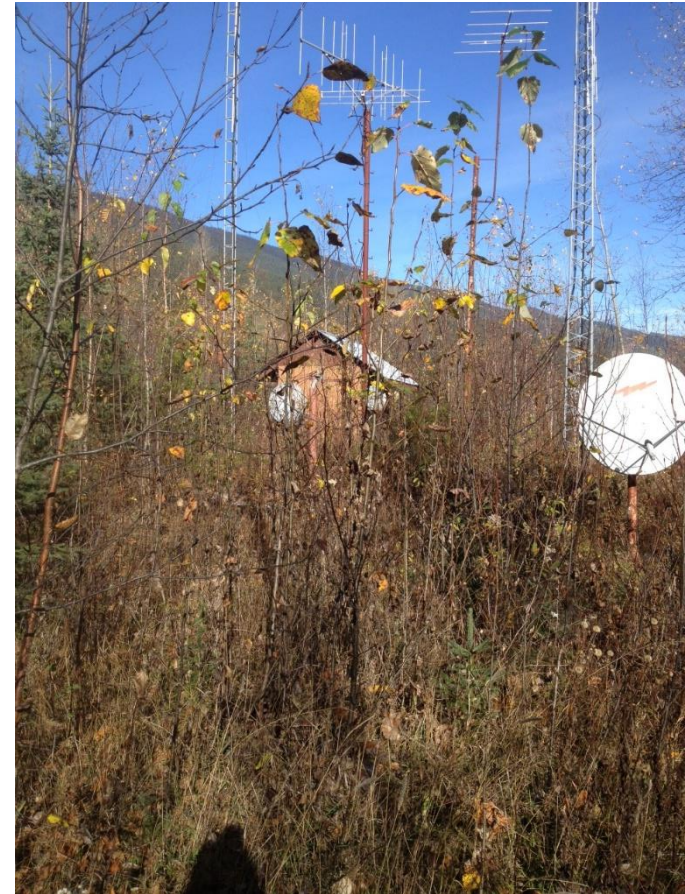
Community Halls



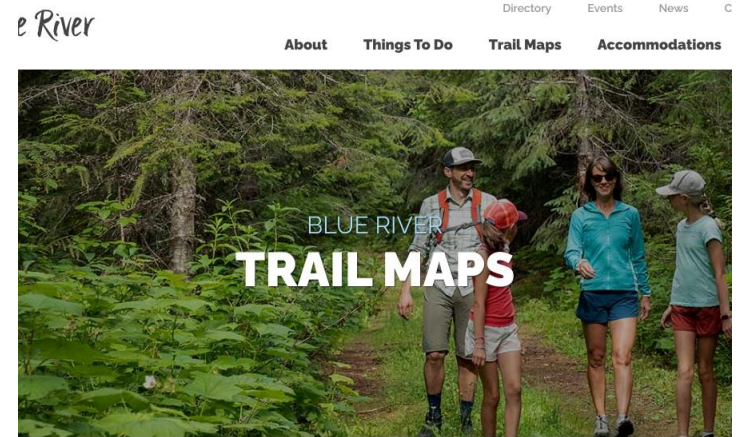
Community Parks (and Trails)



Street Lighting & Radio Rebroadcast



Tourism Marketing



FIND YOUR WAY AROUND BLUE RIVER

Georeferenced Trail Maps

Download Blue River trail maps below. If you have Avenza or similar PDF/GPS Apps on your mobile device you can then track where you are on the map in real time.



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Questions?



TNRD Area “B” 2023 Budget

Planned/Proposed Capital Projects and Operational Funding

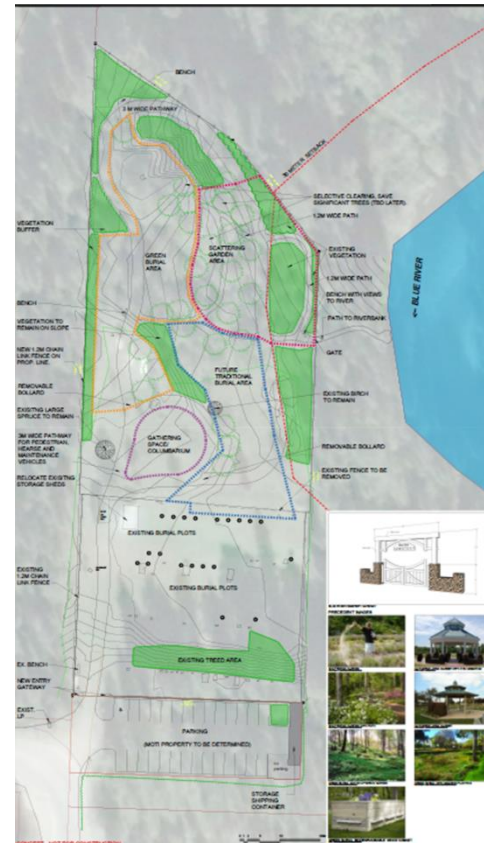


Cemeteries

| Capital | Operational | TOTAL Budget |
|---------|---|---------------|
| \$ 0.00 | + \$83,963.00 (including \$67,030.00 to capital reserve) | = \$83,963.00 |

Future Expansion:

- Scattering garden
- Columbarium
- Traditional burial
- Green burial
- Pathways
- Gathering area
- River viewing area



Community Halls

| Capital | Operational | TOTAL Budget |
|----------|--|--------------|
| \$30,888 | + \$40,775 (no transfer to capital reserve) | = \$71,663 |

- Establish historical signage regarding Avola (funded with Trans Mountain Community Benefit monies)
- Remediation work to attic at Avola School House

Community Parks (and Trails)

| Capital | Operational | TOTAL Budget |
|-----------|--|--------------|
| \$122,963 | + \$135,802 (\$52,652.80 transfer to capital reserve) | = \$258,495 |

2023 capital projects:

- Jetty repair
- Trails wayfinding signage & trailhead kiosks

Future capital project priorities:

- Blue River Trails Master Plan implementation
- Avola Community Park Planning
- Blue River Community Park Planning
- Park planning for improvements at the Murtle Rd Park when Trans Mountain leaves, i.e. Parking area, trails, disc golf
- Winter operation of the north portion of the Blue River Community park
- Brushing of luge hill and clearing for tobogganing

Radio Rebroadcast

| Capital | Operational | TOTAL Budget |
|---------|--|---------------|
| \$ 0.00 | + \$14,717.88 (\$3,233.08 to capital reserve) | = \$14,717.88 |

- Need to repair/replace the shed at the Avola site
- Would like to move the Blue River equipment from the Trans Mountain Pumping Station to the Blue River Library, to take advantage of the TELUS fibre connection

Do residents of Blue River and Avola want this service to continue?



Street Lighting – Avola

| Capital | Operational | TOTAL Budget |
|---------|---------------------------------------|---------------|
| \$ 0.00 | + \$10,609.00 (no capital reserve) | = \$10,609.00 |

- Street lighting in Blue River is handled by the Blue River Improvement District.
- 30 streetlights in the Avola service area.
- Report issues with streetlights to the TNRD at 250-377-8673 or admin@tnrd.ca

Tourism Marketing

| Capital | Operational | TOTAL Budget |
|----------|--|----------------|
| \$60,000 | + \$53,912.15 (\$5,000.00 to capital reserve) | = \$113,912.15 |

- Welcome to Avola & Blue River sign installation
- Tourism Marketing including
 - Social Media/Web Marketing
 - photography
 - update and print trails maps
 - social media
 - North Thompson Valley 2023/2024 50% funded marketing
 - 6 months of campaigns
 - Trade shows
- **Tourism Working Group to be formed this winter**

Questions?



How to provide feedback

Email csadmin@tnrd.ca

Phone 1-800-377-8673

(Ask for Community Services Department)

Online <https://www.tnrd.ca/area-b-engagement>

- Community survey
- Coordinators report
- Copy of this presentation

In Person Talk to your EA Director (Steve, soon to be Lee)

General Questions & Discussion

