



Area "B" Community Meeting

December 9, 2024 - online



THOMPSON-NICOLA
REGIONAL DISTRICT

Agenda

1. Introductions
2. Solid Waste & Recycling
3. Blue River Community Water System
4. Emergency Services
5. Area “B” Community Services Update
6. Tax Rate By Service – 2024 Actual and 2025 Proposed
7. Community Input
8. Questions & Answers for Director Onslow & TNRD staff



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Introductions

- Lee Onslow, Electoral Area Director for Area “B” (Thompson Headwaters)
- Kevin Skrepnek, Manager of Community & Emergency Services
- Adriana Mailloux, Manager of Solid Waste & Recycling
- Tyrone McCabe, Manager Utility Services
- Mike Knauff, Emergency Program Coordinator
- Sherri Madden, Community Services Coordinator



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Solid Waste & Recycling



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New Recyclable Items

1. Single-Use Plastics & Packaging Like Products

- Curbside recycling cart & Blue River Eco-Depot
- New curbside brochure coming soon

2. Light Bulbs & Tubes

Accepted Products:



Light bulbs

- ✓ Compact fluorescent lights (CFLs)
- ✓ Fluorescent tubes (straight, curved, U, circular, square, etc.)
- ✓ High-intensity discharge (HIDs) and special purpose bulbs
- ✓ Incandescent and halogen bulbs
- ✓ Miniature bulbs
- ✓ Light emitting diodes (LEDs)
- ✓ Ultra High Performance (UHP) (replacement projector lamps)
- ✓ UV and germicidal bulbs

Accepted with **CONTAINER RECYCLING** or in your recycling cart



✓ Aluminum foil



✓ Thin metal tins



✓ Aluminum pie plates



✓ Aluminum baking dishes



✓ Plastic plant pot



✓ Plastic cup



✓ Plastic gift box



✓ Plastic food storage containers

Accepted with **CONTAINER RECYCLING** or in your recycling cart



✓ Plastic straw



✓ Plastic stir stick



✓ Plastic utensils



✓ Plastic disposable hanger



✓ Plastic dental floss case



✓ Plastic tape dispenser



✓ Paper cups

Accepted with **PAPER RECYCLING** or in recycling cart



✓ Cardboard storage box



✓ Cardboard storage



✓ Cardboard moving box



✓ Paper gift box



✓ Paper bag



✓ Paper lunch bag

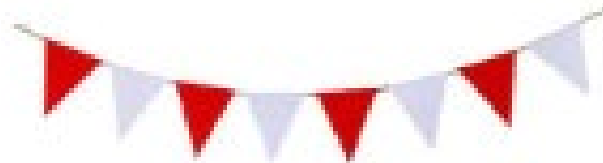


✓ Paper piñata



✓ Paper gift bag

Accepted with **PAPER RECYCLING** or in recycling cart



✓ Paper party décor



✓ Paper party décor



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Accepted at Blue River Eco-Depot

Foam Products



✓ Foam bowls



✓ Foam cups

Accepted at Blue River Eco-Depot

Flexible Plastic Products



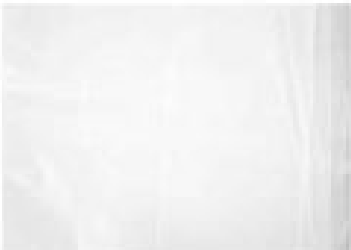
✓ Plastic carry-out bags



✓ Plastic freezer bags



✓ Plastic wrap



✓ Plastic drop sheet



✓ Squishy cushion packaging

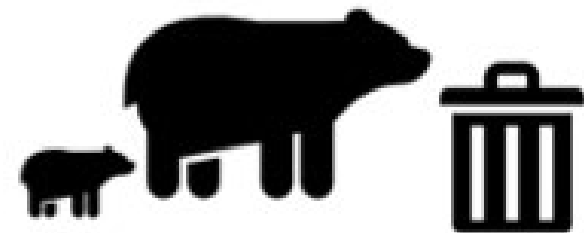
Curbside Collection Notice

Blue River & Avola

Carts out by 8 am, carts in by 8 pm



Leaving your curbside cart by the curb overnight attracts wildlife and violates *Bylaw 2794*.



Park it, Point it, Space it

How you place your container is very important. Please ensure that parked vehicles or snowbanks do not interfere with the visibility of your container from the street or access for collection.



Park it

Wheels against the curb, or just off the roadway.



Point it

Arrows should point to centre of road.



Space it

Give 1 metre (3') clearance on all sides.

Curbside carts are turned sideways to signal they have already been emptied. Don't get missed! Place your cart out between 6 am and 8 am facing the road.

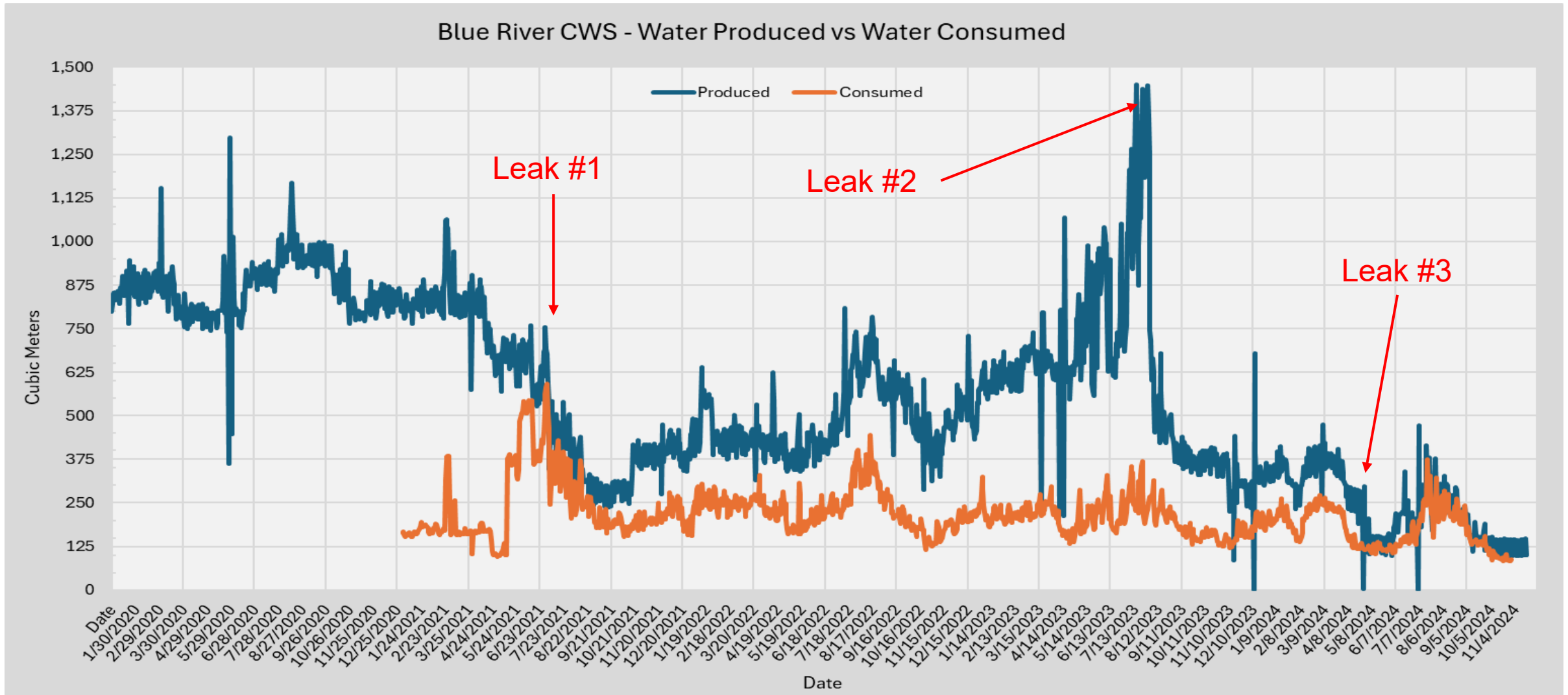
Blue River Community Water System

Chlorination, Metering and Rates!

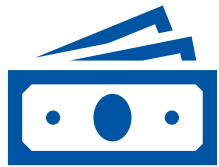


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Water Metering – How it's Going



Utility Rates – Why the Increase?



Sustainable Funding Models

Target reserve contributions based on replacement costs

Considers affordability

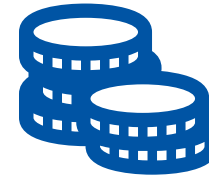
Factors include source water and population



Infrastructure Deficit

The cost to replace the infrastructure now!

Considers reserve amounts and surpluses



Reserve Contributions

Historically what wasn't spent

Target 50% of the Infrastructure Deficit

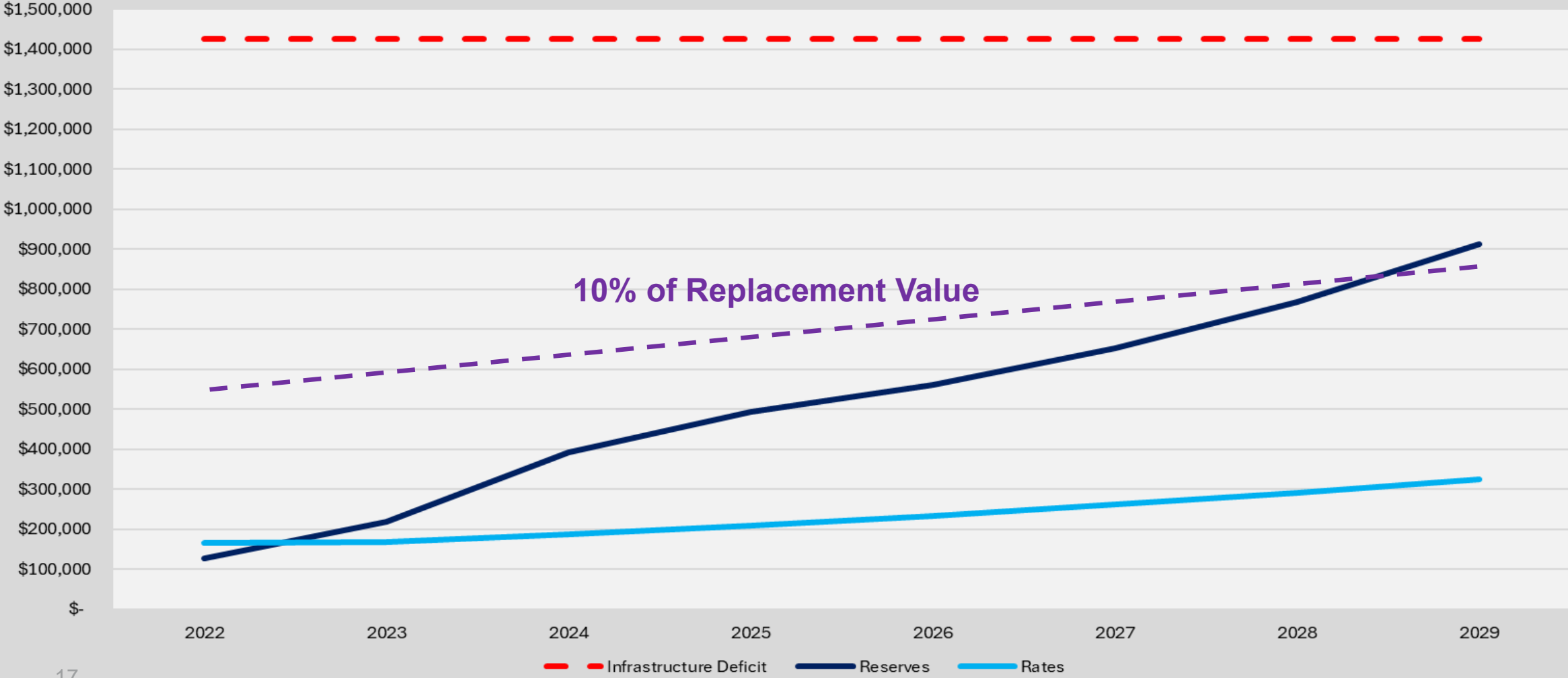
Considers grant funding for balance



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Utility Rates – Why the Increase?

Blue River Rates and Reserves



How Can You Help?

1. Sign up for Eye On Water!

- www.eyeonwater.ca/signup
- Use your Utility Account Number and Postal Code

2. Sign Up for e-Billing

- Convenient: Access your bills anytime, anywhere.
- Timely: Avoid delays due to postal strikes or holidays.

3. Tell us if you see an issue!

- Department Line: 250-377-6284
- Emergency Line: 250-318-7515
- Email: utilityservices@tnrd.ca



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Emergency Services



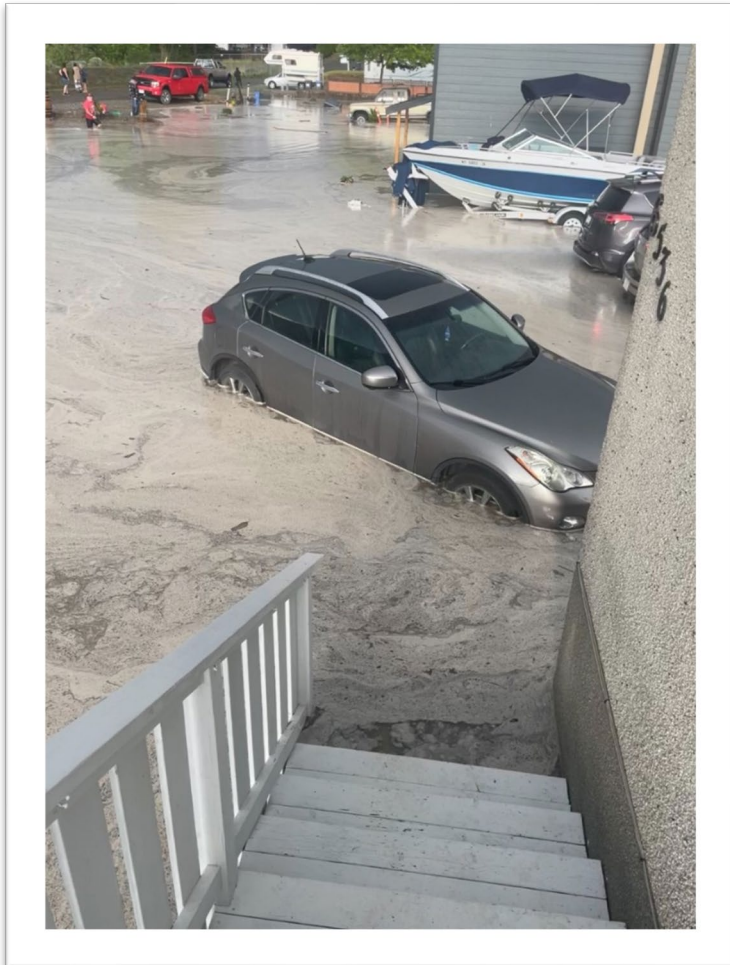
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Agenda

- Updates from events last year
- Evacuation planning
- Personal Preparedness



The year that was (Flooding)



Freshet (Spring Flooding)

- No significant flooding
- Rain event in Savona
 - DFA declared
- Drought primary concern



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The year that was (Fire)

Shetland Creek Wildfire

- ~28000ha
- 90 properties on order, 200 on alert
- Over 20 structures destroyed

Dunn Lake Wildfire

- 2577 ha – Declared out Oct. 1st
- 4 properties on order, 32 on alert
- No impacts to homes

Wells Gray Park

- Multiple fires
- Modified response



Evacuation planning

- Planning tool for Emergency Operations Centre
- Completed evacuation route planning for:
 - [Area E](#)
 - Area A
- **2024/2025**
 - The rest of the TNRD!
- **Area B**
 - [382 Address points](#)
 - 3 properties more than 1km from Hwy 5
 - HeliSpot to be identified
 - Consultation to happen



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Personal Preparedness

- Know your hazards
- Make a plan
- Be prepared
 - Grab and go bag
 - Information sources
 - Voyent Alert
 - <https://www.tnrd.ca/services/emergency-services/emergency-preparedness/emergency-alerts/>

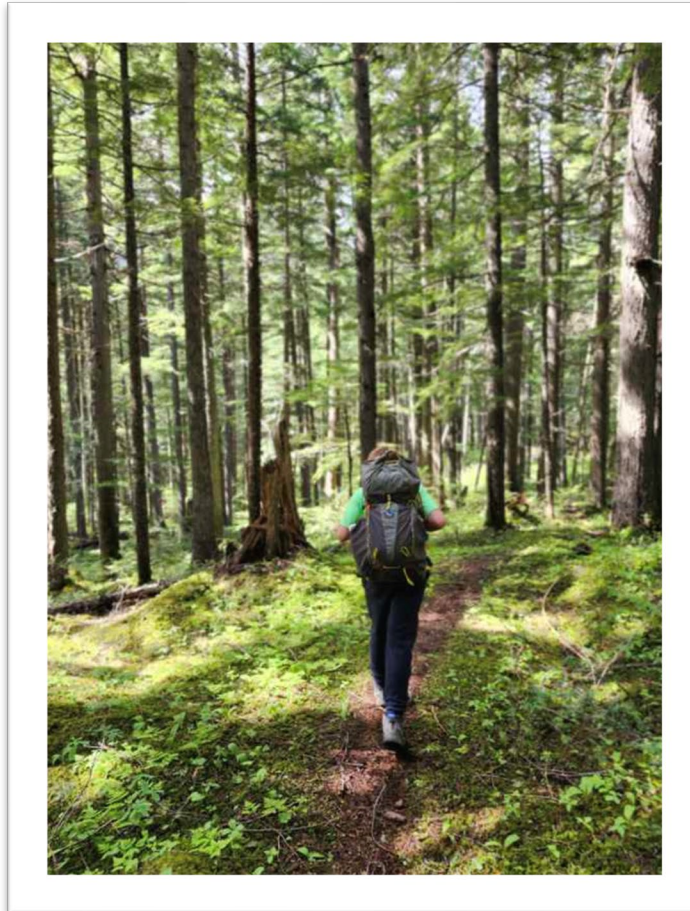
Area “B” Community Services Update

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



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Community Parks & Trails



DRAFT 2025 BUDGET

Operations*	\$179,091
Capital	\$ 31,978
Total	\$211,069

*includes \$52,000 REDIP grant application



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Community Parks & Trails

- TNRD Park Regulations Bylaw No. 2852, 2024 – adopted May 16
- TNRD Parks & Trails Strategy Development – next engagement Mar-Apr 2025
- **\$140,000 Destination Development Grant - Blue River trails**
 - Trailhead infrastructure installed at 5 locations Fall 2024
 - Trailhead wayfinding signage installation in Spring 2025
 - Trail naming exercise with Simpcw First Nation in Spring/Summer 2025
 - Interpretive signage development with Simpcw First Nation in Spring/Summer 2025
- **Safety railing installed at the Blue River pedestrian bridge**
- **Blue River Trails Detailed Design Project**
 - Action item from the 2021 Blue River Trails Master Plan
 - Anticipated budget \$67,000
 - Submitted a Rural Diversification and Infrastructure (REDIP) grant application for \$52,000 support the project. Funding announcement anticipated Spring 2025



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Cemeteries



DRAFT 2025 BUDGET

Operations*	\$33,753
Capital	\$0
Total	\$33,753

*includes \$15,000
transfer to reserves



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Cemeteries

- **TNRD Cemeteries Regulations Bylaw No. 2846, 2024 – adopted April 18**
 - Specific changes relate to compliance with legislation, standardization of memorial sizes, updated fees, clarification of plot sizes.
 - Reduction in amount of operating costs which will be covered thru taxation, with more cost recovery being allocated to the clients.
- **Redesign of plot layout within Avola and Blue River cemeteries to utilize the cemetery area more efficiently.**
 - **Avola** – the addition of 84 single cremain plots with the capacity of 1 remain. Addition of 10 full body plots with the capacity for 1 human remain.
 - **Blue River** – the addition of 24 single cremain plots with the capacity of 1 remain. Addition of 2 full body lots with the capacity for 1 human remain.
 - Maps on site at both cemeteries will be updated in Spring 2025



Community Halls



DRAFT 2025 BUDGET

Operations*	\$154,468
Capital	\$ 10,888
Total	\$165,356

*includes \$106,000 potential grant and \$3,000 transfer to reserves



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Community Halls

- TNRD grant-in-aid of \$25,000 to Blue River Community Association for running the Blue River Community Hall
- Avola School House waterline replacement, including new curbstop within TNRD property boundary
- New fencing installed as part of remediation with Trans Mountain. Continued negotiation with Trans Mountain to undertake full site remediation in Spring 2025, or transfer the funds to the TNRD to undertake the work themselves.
- Future planning for refurbish to Avola School House: insulation, roofing, clean out debris from basement, floor in basement, storage shelving, refinish logs and repaint addition/window trim
- Avola History kiosk design and installation in 2025.



Economic Development & Tourism



DRAFT 2025 BUDGET

Operations	\$87,816
Capital	\$60,000
Total	\$147,816



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Economic Development & Tourism

- \$20,000 grant received from the Economic Trust of the Southern Interior to develop an [economic development video](#) which will showcase Blue River and display the benefits to current and prospective residents of living, working and starting/owning a business in Blue River.
- Ongoing North Thompson Valley Tourism Marketing Committee partnership, supported by Destination BC funding
- New [Blue River](#) website planned for 2025.
- Continue social media, programmatic ad campaigns, updating photography
- New Blue River trail maps will be designed and printed when trail naming completed.



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Economic Development & Tourism

- Attended 2024 Edmonton RV Show and will attend 2025 Outdoor Sportsman Show in Abbotsford
- Plan to complete a Value of Tourism Study for comparison of 2024 values to the 2018 tourism spend of \$26.2 million.
- Will explore opportunity for Explore Blue River Tourism Working Group (very little uptake on 2023 opportunity by Blue River/Avola businesses)
- Will continue to attend Thompson Okanagan Tourism Summit to expand opportunities for Explore Blue River tourism marketing
- Welcome to Blue River and Welcome to Avola sign project at permit stage
- **Support Explore Blue River by tagging us on Facebook and Instagram!**



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Rebroadcast



DRAFT 2025 BUDGET

Operations*	\$15,082
Capital	\$0
Total	\$15,082

*includes \$4,000 transfer to reserves



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Rebroadcast

- Replaced the Xplornet service for the Blue River site with TELUS fibre and wireless link to the transmitters.
- Testing Starlink service to the Avola site, to see if it improves output.
- Will be replacing equipment as it fails, in the hopes that we can continue to offer radio rebroadcast at a low cost.
- Technical support to the site is getting more difficult and more costly, as we've got less access to the radio station technicians and have moved to a very limited pool of private contractors.



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Avola Street Lighting



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Operations	\$11,176
Capital	\$0
Total	\$11,176



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Avola Street Lighting

- BC Hydro is responsible for the streetlights and the TNRD pays the electrical cost for running the streetlight.
- If issues are identified with streetlights in Avola, please report them to Sherri Madden, TNRD Community Services Coordinator at smadden@tnrd.ca or 250-377-8673.



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Tax Rate by Service


Please note that the following 2 slides represent only that portion of taxation that is collected by the TNRD, and DOES NOT include taxation collected by others, such as:

- The Blue River or Avola Improvement District
 - Province of British Columbia Rural Tax
- Thompson-Nicola Regional Hospital District
 - School Tax
 - Police Tax



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2024 Tax Rate by Service


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TAX BY SERVICE

ELECTORAL AREA "B" 2024 TAX RATES:

Tax Rate by Service per \$100,000 of assessed value:

<ul style="list-style-type: none">  Solid Waste Management: \$34.39  Library System: \$12.58  Electoral Area Administration: \$11.43  Curbside Waste Collection: \$11.15  General Government Services: \$8.83  Zoning and Planning: \$7.34  Community Parks: \$6.95  Economic Development & Tourism: \$4.60 	<ul style="list-style-type: none">  E-Comm 9-1-1: \$3.99  Community Halls: \$3.08  Invasive Plant Management: \$2.21  Emergency Preparedness Program: \$2.14  Cemeteries: \$1.57  Television: \$1.24  Recreation & Culture Grant-in-Aid: \$1.10  Development Services: \$0.77 	<ul style="list-style-type: none">  Film Commission: \$0.45  Search and Rescue: \$0.25  Valley Connector Transit Service: \$0.21  Search and Rescue Grants-in-Aid: \$0.16  Crime Stoppers Program: \$0.10  Regional Parks: \$0.06  Fraser Basin Council: \$0.03
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Total cost: \$114.63 per \$100,000 of assessed value

The services listed above are **Area-Wide Services**
 The total tax requisition for these services in 2024 is \$1,453,136

2024 TAX RATES FOR LOCAL AREA SERVICES

Tax Rate by Service per \$100,000 of assessed value (Where Applicable):


Note: Only specified properties pay into each Local Area Service. To confirm whether your property is included in a Local Area Service, please refer to your tax notice or contact admin@tnrd.ca.

	<p style="margin: 0; font-size: 0.9em;">Street Lighting (Avola): \$76.13 (\$10,190 total)</p>
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2025 Proposed Tax Rate by Service - Dec 2024
















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TAX BY SERVICE
ELECTORAL AREA "B"

2025 PROPOSED TAX RATES:
DECEMBER 2024

Residential Tax Rate by Service per \$100,000 of assessed value

<p> Solid Waste Management: \$38.48</p> <p> Library System: \$13.56</p> <p> Electoral Area Administration: \$11.34</p> <p> Curbside Waste Collection: \$11.01</p> <p> Community Parks: \$9.88</p> <p> General Government Services: \$9.01</p> <p> Zoning and Planning: \$8.60</p> <p> Economic Development & Tourism: \$5.10</p>	<p> E-Comm 9-1-1: \$4.00</p> <p> Community Halls: \$3.14</p> <p> Invasive Plant Management: \$2.38</p> <p> Emergency Preparedness Program: \$2.25</p> <p> Development Services: \$1.55</p> <p> Cemeteries: \$1.39</p> <p> Recreation & Culture Grant-in-Aid: \$1.10</p> <p> Radio Rebroadcasting \$1.03</p>	<p> Valley Connector Transit Service: \$0.98</p> <p> Film Commission \$0.47</p> <p> Search and Rescue: \$0.29</p> <p> Search and Rescue: Grants-in-Aid: \$0.16</p> <p> Crime Stoppers Program: \$0.10</p> <p> Regional Parks: \$0.07</p> <p> Fraser Basin Council: \$0.05</p>
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Services listed above are **Area-Wide Services**.
The proposed total tax requisition for these services in 2025 is \$1,596,062.

Total cost: \$125.90 per \$100,000 of assessed value

2025 PROPOSED TAX RATES FOR LOCAL AREA SERVICES

Tax Rate by Service per \$100,000 of assessed value (Where Applicable):

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 **Street Lighting (Avola):**
\$78.56 (\$10,514 total)



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Community Input

Questions & Answers

This presentation will be available on the TNRD Area B Community Engagement website



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