



THOMPSON-NICOLA
REGIONAL DISTRICT

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AREA "L"
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NEWSLETTER

BE INFORMED ABOUT THE 2026 BUDGET

TNRD staff are well underway in developing the 2026 Budget. There are many opportunities for residents to keep informed about the budget process, and resources are available to ensure residents understand what TNRD services they receive and what each of those services cost.

All TNRD staff departments are in the process of scrutinizing each budget line item, preparing cost changes for 2026, and making budget projections for each of the next five years. Preliminary budget information will be available to review beginning in late October or early November of 2025, and residents can provide feedback on TNRD services and their costs at any time. The Budget will be adopted by the TNRD Board at the regular Board meeting on **March 26, 2026**.

In 2025, the largest region-wide TNRD service, solid waste and recycling, had a cost of \$35.45 per \$100,000 of assessed value. The second-largest region-wide service, library services, had a cost of \$13.43 per \$100,000. Other common TNRD services – depending on where you live – are fire protection, curbside waste collection, community parks, water, and other services with less significant costs.

To learn more and provide feedback, visit the TNRD webpage: **tnrd.ca/budget2026**. This webpage will be updated frequently with budget information, including details of the proposed tax requisition, operational and capital costs, and details about why service costs are increasing, where applicable. This webpage also contains infographics that display each service and their costs in every Electoral Area and Member Municipality.



SORTING SAVES!

The TNRD is proud to introduce its new Construction and Demolition Toolkit! This new resource is meant to support the construction industry and DIYers to effectively plan their building and demolition projects. The C&D Toolkit includes comprehensive guidance on waste diversion strategies, a directory of local recycling and

salvage services, and detailed information on local disposal regulations.

Construction and demolition waste makes up approximately 24% of the total waste stream in the TNRD, which is a significant environmental challenge. By sorting materials like wood, metal, and concrete, not only can

we divert reusable resources from the landfill, but large projects can also save thousand of dollars in disposal costs. You can pick up a copy of the C&D Toolkit at local hardware stores, by contacting TNRD Solid Waste and Recycling at **recycleright@tnrd.ca**, or you can download a copy online at: **tnrd.ca/cd-toolkit**.

UPCOMING MEETINGS:

All meetings take place in the TNRD Boardroom at 465 Victoria St., Kamloops, B.C., unless otherwise noted. You can participate in Board and committee meetings in-person or online. Upcoming meeting information is subject to change. For a current list of all meetings, visit: **tnrd.ca/meetings**



**Committee of the Whole
(Budget Workshop):**
November 5, 2025, 9:00 am

Hospital District Board Meeting:
November 6, 2025, 10:00 am

Inaugural Regular Board Meeting:
November 6, 2025, 1:30 pm

**Policy and Governance
Committee:**
November 19, 2025, 10:00 am

**Electoral Area
Directors Committee:**
November 20, 2025, 9:00 am

Regular Board Meeting:
November 20, 2025, 1:30 pm

FIRESMART REBATE PROGRAM DEADLINES EXTENDED

TNRD FireSmart™ Homeowner Rebate and Senior Rebate program deadlines have been extended by an extra month – to November 30, 2025!

These rebate programs are meant to incentivize and support residents in doing important mitigation work that is recommended, during a FireSmart™ home assessment. We encourage Electoral Area homeowners to book a free TNRD FireSmart home assessment, act on recommendations to do mitigation work, and take advantage of rebate funding available.

Additionally, Electoral Area neighbourhoods can request a free chipping day to help clear out brush, branches, and deadfall on private property and reduce wildfire fuels.

For more information on these programs, visit: tnrd.ca/firesmart, or contact us at firesmart@tnrd.ca or 250-377-6326.

SIGN UP FOR LOCAL EMAIL LISTS!

Keep informed on TNRD service updates, news releases, development notices, and community information by signing up to our new local email lists. Choose to receive TNRD updates for any Electoral Area or Member Municipality, or to receive any of our TNRD e-newsletters. Please note that frequency of local updates varies for each Electoral Area and Member Municipality, as TNRD service levels vary significantly between areas. To sign up, visit: tnrd.ca/emailsignup.

MONTE CREEK FIREHALL NOW COMPLETED

The Monte Creek Firehall is now fully operational, providing a permanent home for the Monte Creek Fire Department to protect area residents and their properties. A well-attended grand opening was held in September. During the grand opening, a plaque was unveiled at the site to recognize Linda Herman and the late Ed Herman, who generously donated land that the firehall was built on.

The new firehall is located at 1224 Dallas Drive, close to Highway 1 and well positioned for streamlined callout times. The Monte Creek Fire Service response area includes approximately 356 properties in Electoral Areas "L" and "P."

SUPPORTING AGRICULTURAL RECYCLING

The TNRD and Cleanfarms have launched a program to recycle bale wrap and silage bags and covers. This program will help divert these agricultural plastics from being landfilled, and will provide selected farms and ranches with compactors to make it easier to recycle these products!

As part of this pilot program, Cleanfarms will connect compacted agricultural plastics with end markets for recycling. This pilot program is in place until December 2028, and is designed to be expanded to more farms and ranches during this period. Producers interested in taking part are encouraged to contact TNRD Solid Waste and Recycling.



YOUR LIBRARY NEWS

The TNRL is pleased to welcome Julie Creaser as its new General Manager of Library Services! Julie began work in this position on October 1, 2025, and brings more than 20 years of experience in library leadership roles. Welcome Julie!

DID YOU KNOW? October is Libraries Month! If you haven't visited in a while, come and see all the free resources at your local library. Looking to save money on content subscriptions? Check out our free e-content in the digital library!

For information on library programs, visit: tnrl.ca.



MOBILE LIBRARY NEARBY STOPS

(July to December 2025):

Every 3rd Thursday (starting July 9):

Monte Lake Store: 10:00 – 11:00 am

Westwold School: 11:15 am – 1:00 pm

Pritchard (Foort Rd & Gerella Rd): 2:45 – 4:00 pm

Every Saturday:

Kamloops (BC Wildfire Park): 2:30 – 3:30 pm

LIBRARY DAYS OF OPERATION:

Chase: Tuesday – Saturday

Kamloops: Daily

Merritt: Tuesday – Saturday

locations, hours and Mobile Library stops, visit: tnrl.ca/locations.



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