

THOMPSON-NICOLA
REGIONAL DISTRICT

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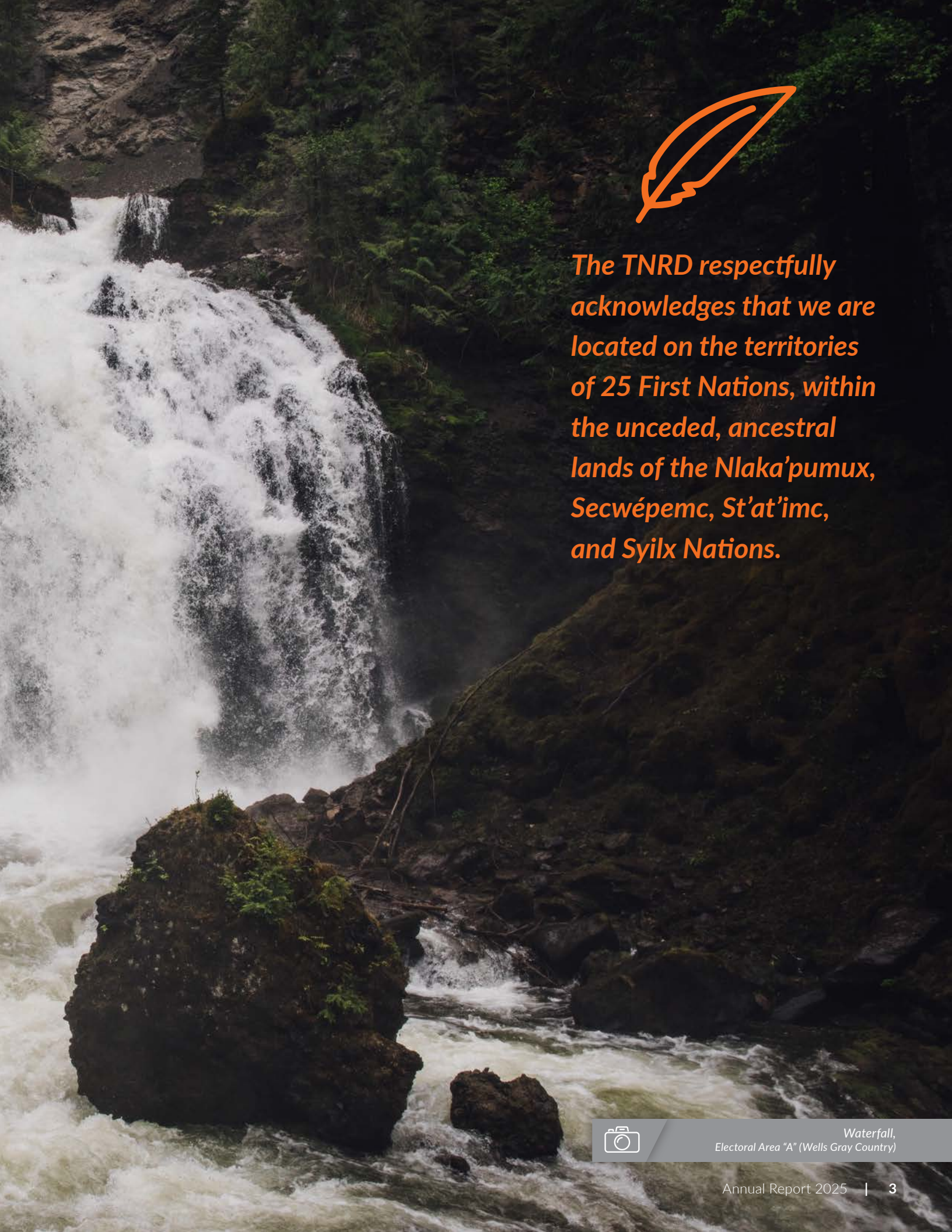
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Cover Photo:
Dutch Lake, Clearwater



The TNRD respectfully acknowledges that we are located on the territories of 25 First Nations, within the unceded, ancestral lands of the Nlaka'pumux, Secwépemc, St'at'imc, and Syilx Nations.

Waterfall,
Electoral Area "A" (Wells Gray Country)

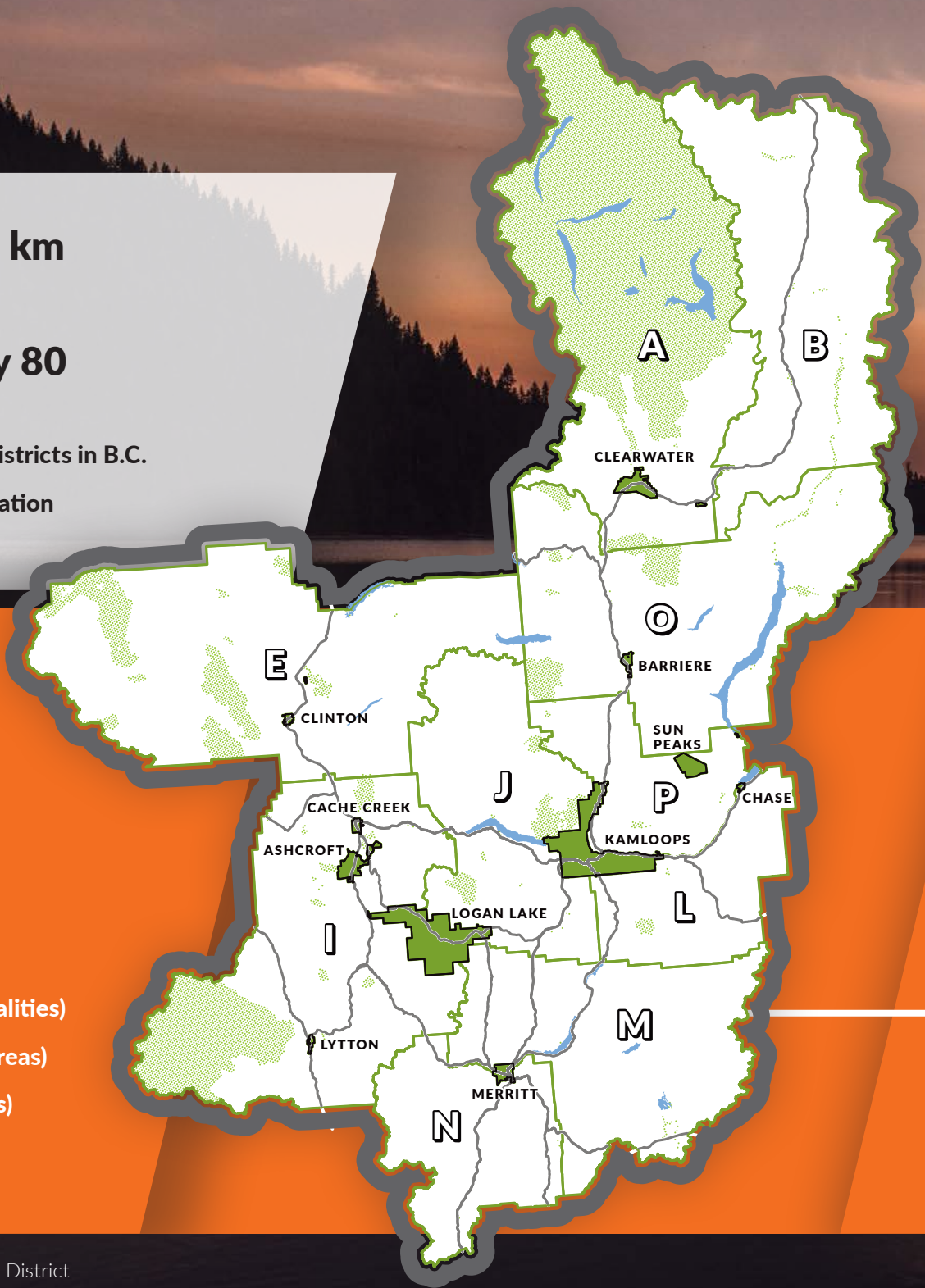
About the Region

The Thompson-Nicola region is unique for the diverse geography and vast range of climates within its boundaries. In the TNRD, you will find parts of the world's only inland temperate rainforest in the North Thompson Valley, the world famous Wells Gray Park, parts of the historic Fraser Canyon, deserts and semi-arid landscapes that soak up sunshine, rolling grasslands, B.C.'s second-deepest lake at Adams Lake, plateaus and vast alpine wilderness. The TNRD includes dozens of thriving rural and urban communities, which experience true four-season weather and hot summers. Residents generally have easy access to outdoor recreation, short commutes, and a high quality of life.

Land Area:
44,347 square km

Communities:
Approximately 80

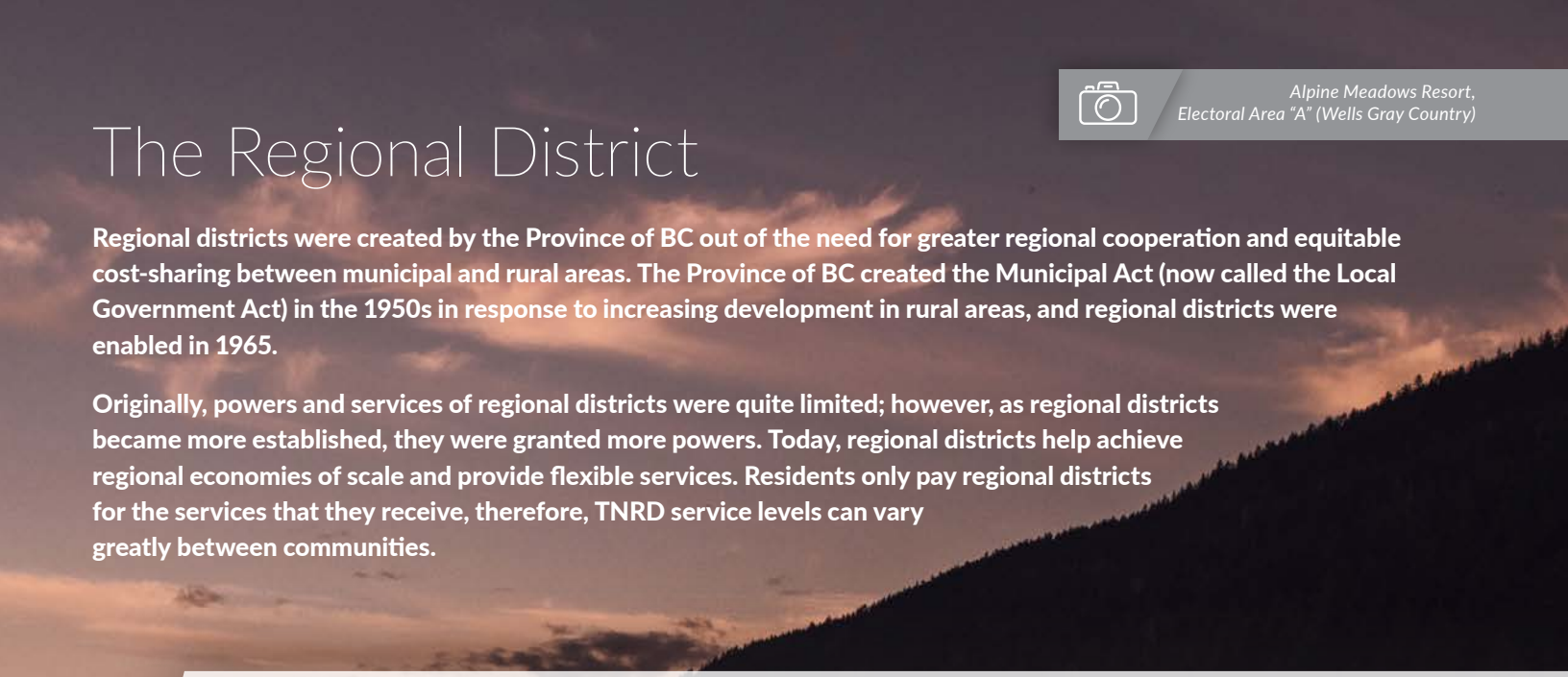
1 of 27 Regional Districts in B.C.
6th Largest by Population
7th Largest in Size



Population:
143,680*

118,581 (Municipalities)
17,095 (Electoral Areas)
8,004 (First Nations)

**2021 Census data*



Alpine Meadows Resort, Electoral Area "A" (Wells Gray Country)

The Regional District

Regional districts were created by the Province of BC out of the need for greater regional cooperation and equitable cost-sharing between municipal and rural areas. The Province of BC created the Municipal Act (now called the Local Government Act) in the 1950s in response to increasing development in rural areas, and regional districts were enabled in 1965.

Originally, powers and services of regional districts were quite limited; however, as regional districts became more established, they were granted more powers. Today, regional districts help achieve regional economies of scale and provide flexible services. Residents only pay regional districts for the services that they receive, therefore, TNRD service levels can vary greatly between communities.

Incorporated: November 24, 1967

TNRD Services: 116

Local (such as fire protection, water, sewer)

Sub-Regional (such as garbage and recycling, community parks, mosquito control)

Regional (such as library service)

216 employees (including full time, part time, casual)

40 Non-Union | 58 CUPE | 118 BCGEU (largely TNRL staff)

10 Electoral Areas

Electoral Area "A" (Wells Gray Country)
Birch Island | Blackpool | East Blackpool | Upper Clearwater | Vavenby

Electoral Area "B" (Thompson Headwater)
Avola | Blue River

Electoral Area "E" (Bonaparte Plateau)
70 Mile House | Big Bar Lake | Eagan Lake | Loon Lake Pressy Lake | South Green Lake | Young Lake

Electoral Area "I" (Blue Sky Country)
16 Mile | Botanie Valley | Spences Bridge | Thompson River Estates | Venables Valley | Walhachin

Electoral Area "J" (Copper Desert Country)
Alpine Valley | Cherry Creek | Lac Le Jeune | Paska Lake | Red Lake | Savona | Tobiano |

Electoral Area "L" (Grasslands)
Barnhartvale (East) | Del Oro | Knutsford | Monte Creek | Monte Lake | Paxton Valley | Pritchard (South) | Turtle Valley | Westwold

Electoral Area "M" (Beautiful Nicola Valley – North)
Douglas Lake | Glimpse Lake | Lower Nicola | Mamit Lake | Miller Estates | Quilchena | Stump Lake

Electoral Area "N" (Beautiful Nicola Valley – South)
Aspen Grove | Brookmere | Canford | Coldwater Road | Kane Valley | Sunshine Valley

Electoral Area "O" (Lower North Thompson)
Agate Bay | Barriere Lakes | Darfield | Glengrove | Little Fort | Louis Creek | Maple Mission

Electoral Area "P" (Rivers and the Peaks)
Adams Lake | Black Pines | Evergreen Estates | Heffley Lake | Knouff Lake | McLure | Paul Lake | Pinantan Lake | Pritchard (North) | Rivershore | Vinsulla | Whitecroft

11 Member Municipalities

Village of Ashcroft

Village of Chase

City of Kamloops

City of Merritt

District of Barriere

District of Clearwater

District of Logan Lake

Mountain Resort Municipality of Sun Peaks

Village of Cache Creek

Village of Clinton

Village of Lytton

MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR



In September 2025 the Thompson-Nicola Regional District celebrated the long-awaited opening of the Monte Creek Fire Hall. It was a momentous day for the community, made possible by the generosity of Linda Herman and the late Ed Herman, who donated the land for the hall.

The TNRD welcomed Julie Creaser as the new Manager of Library Services in October. Julie stepped into her new role just three weeks before the Clearwater Library reopened after extensive renovations. Meanwhile, the Aberdeen Tiny Library increased its hours to meet growing demand.

The Regional Library service was also excited to announce a partnership with the City of Kamloops for a library in the Dufferin area of southwest Kamloops. The opportunity to partner with the City, and locate a library within the planned arena multiplex being built near Kenna Cartwright Park, is an exciting one, and we look forward to watching that project advance.

The TNRD was proud to sign a Memorandum of Understanding with Llenllenéy'ten/ High Bar First Nation. The TNRD also held a productive Community-to-Community meeting with Tk'emlúps te Secwépemc, to discuss shared goals, plans, and challenges, and continues to work on developing more MOUs with other First Nations.

The TNRD's FireSmart program continued throughout the 10 Electoral Areas, and dozens more property owners were able to take steps to mitigate fire risk, via free FireSmart property assessments, free chipping events, and rebate programs.

The TNRD implemented several new initiatives in 2025. In partnership with Cleanfarms, the TNRD launched a pilot program that will see agricultural plastics, such as bale wrap and silage bags and covers, diverted from landfills and recycled instead. The TNRD also launched a new Construction and Demolition Toolkit, and the Thompson-Nicola Film Commission purchased three electric generators, which are available for lease to productions filming within the TNRD and are a way to support sustainable filmmaking.

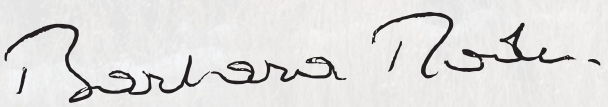
The TNRD hired a Community Grant Writer, who is able to help societies, non-profits, and community groups throughout the 10 Electoral Areas research, and apply for, grants. Free emergency-grade address signs were offered to all residents in the TNRD's 10 electoral areas, and more than 1,000 signs were requested within a short time of the project launch.

In line with goals around advocacy, the TNRD held two successful advocacy tours to Victoria to meet with ministers, staff, and the premier to discuss concerns and challenges and identify ways to move forward. Board members and staff also advocated for the TNRD at the Union of BC Municipalities conference in Victoria in September.

Two first-ever plans were adopted by the TNRD in 2025. The Parks and Trails Strategic Plan outlines a 10-year vision to enhance the region's parks and trails, while the 2023-2026 Accessibility Plan identifies barriers to accessibility and inclusion that may be experienced by those accessing the TNRD's physical and digital spaces.

Last, but not least, the TNRD Board of Directors held its annual out of town Educational Tour and board meeting in the Clinton/ High Bar area in June. There was a tour of key amenities and facilities within the Village of Clinton, as well as tours through the traditional territory of Llenllenéy'ten/ High Bar First Nation, hosted by HBFN staff and delegates. We are all grateful to have had the chance to see a beautiful and historic part of our region: truly the Region of B.C.'s Best.

Barbara Roden
Chair



MESSAGE FROM THE CAO



Our staff in 2025 continued to focus on providing high-quality service to residents, making technological advancements while sustaining core services, and meeting objectives set out by the Board of Directors in their 2023-2026 Strategic Plan.

We were proud of many improvements to various TNRD services made last year and celebrated several project milestones that will benefit residents for years to come. We opened the Monte Creek Firehall and completed a months-long renovation at the Clearwater Library. We launched a FireSmart™ rebate program and helped rural community groups receive wildfire response training. We provided more than 1,000 free emergency-grade address signs to residents, re-launched TNRD Trunk Sale events to promote re-use, and launched pilot programs for recycling agricultural plastics and everyday books. We made progress on building a multi-million-dollar water treatment plant in Pritchard, made improvements to several of our parks and community halls, and received more than $1.4 million in grant funds. Our Film Commission supported many productions within the TNRD, including a major production filmed in Sun Peaks. Our Emergency Operations Centre also responded to five wildfires, a debris flow event, a failing dam, and a train derailment.

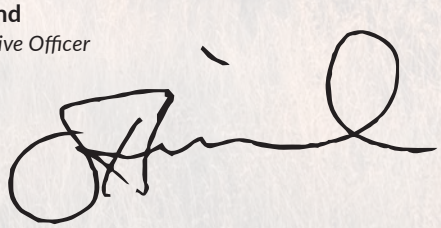
Our leadership team continues to focus significantly on maintaining a positive workplace culture and promoting continuous improvement. Our staff team is focused on good customer service, collaborating between staff departments, and working efficiently with an emphasis on fiscal responsibility and ensuring good value for taxpayers. Our entire management team completed important leadership training in 2025, and we regularly support training for staff to advance their skills.

I also want to congratulate staff who were recognized with our Long Service Awards in 2025, which included 13 employees with a combined service time of 170 years. Our greatest strength in our service delivery is our people, and I'm proud of the work we do and our professional and dedicated team.

I hope you enjoy reading through the 2025 Annual Report and learning about our services and work we are doing to benefit residents across the regional district.

Sincerely,

Scott Hildebrand
Chief Administrative Officer



Lac Du Bois,
Electoral Area "J" (Copper Desert Country)



BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Back Row
Mike Goetz, *City of Merritt*
Stephen Karpuk *City of Kamloops*
Merlin Blackwell, *District of Clearwater*
Margot Middleton, *City of Kamloops*
John Ranta, *Village of Cache Creek*
Mike Grenier, *EA "J" (Copper Desert Country)*
Lee Onslow, *EA "B" (Thompson Headwaters)*
David Laird, *EA "M" (Beautiful Nicola Valley–North)*
Herb Graham, *EA "N" (Beautiful Nicola Valley–South)*

Middle Row
Rob Kerslake, *District of Barriere*
Katie Neustaeter, *City of Kamloops*
Denise O'Connor, *Village of Lytton*
Jim Smith, *Electoral Area "E" (Bonaparte Plateau)*
Mike O'Reilly, *City of Kamloops*
Doug Haughton, *Electoral Area "L" (Grasslands)*
Roland Stanke, *Village of Clinton*
David Lepsoe, *Village of Chase*

Front Row
Tricia Thorpe¸ *Electoral Area "I" (Blue Sky Country)*
Lee Morris, *EA "P" (Rivers and the Peaks)*
Jill Hayward, *EA "O" (Lower North Thompson)*
Barbara Roden, *Board Chair/ Village of Ashcroft*
Robin Smith, *Board Vice-Chair/ District of Logan Lake*
Kelly Hall, *City of Kamloops*
Bill Sarai, *City of Kamloops*
Usoff Tsao, *Electoral Area "A" (Wells Gray Country)*
Dale Bass, *City of Kamloops*

About the TNRD Board of Directors

The Board of Directors is the governing body of the Thompson-Nicola Regional District. Electoral Area directors serve a four-year term, while municipal directors serve on the regional board until, or unless, the appointing body (their municipal council) decides to change their appointment. Typically, a member municipality appoints its mayor as the director to the TNRD board, and that director serves the entire four-year election term. Each year, in November, the TNRD Board elects a Board Chair and Vice-Chair. The Board Chair is the chief executive officer of the Regional District.

To learn more, visit: **tnrd.ca/board-of-directors**

27 Elected Officials

1 for each Electoral Area
1 for each of 10 smallest Municipalities
7 for City of Kamloops
2nd Largest Regional District Board in B.C.

Blue River Trail Network - Pedestrian Suspension Bridge, Electoral Area "B" (Thompson Headwaters)



About the Thompson Regional Hospital District Board of Directors

The Thompson Regional Hospital District Board (TRHD) is separate from the TNRD Board of Directors and has slightly different boundaries and a slightly different composition from the TNRD Board. The TRHD generally exists to borrow funds and finance construction projects or equipment purchases at facilities within its boundaries, which are cost-shared between the Province of BC and the TRHD. Each year, during the first Hospital District Board Meeting of the calendar year, the TRHD Board elects a Board Chair and Acting Chair.

To learn more, visit: **tnrd.ca/trhd.**

31 Elected Officials

27 Directors from TNRD (entire TNRD Board)

2 Directors from Squamish-Lillooet Regional District (Electoral Areas "A" and "B")

1 Director from District of Lillooet

1 Director from Columbia-Shuswap Regional District (Electoral Area "F")

OUR SERVICES

The TNRD provides 116 services to residents, which range from being local, sub-regional and region-wide. Find information anytime about TNRD services by visiting: **tnrd.ca/services.**



Little Heffley Lake,
Electoral Area "P" (Rivers and the Peaks)



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SOLID WASTE AND RECYCLING



Solid Waste Facilities

Participants: 20 (All 10 Electoral Areas and 10 out of 11 Member Municipalities; excluding Kamloops)

The TNRD operates 11 Eco-Depots, 16 Transfer Stations, and two landfills, providing solid waste disposal for residents and a mandate to minimize waste and maximize resource recovery.

Solid Waste activities and policies are guided by the Regional Solid Waste Management Plan, which is a long-term plan for how solid waste will be managed in the Thompson-Nicola region, in accordance with the pollution prevention hierarchy of reduce, reuse, recycle, recovery, and residuals management.

TNRD Eco-Depots and many Transfer Stations accept a large range of items for recycling, and most are accepted free of charge. Help divert material from the landfill! Visit: **tnrd.ca/mandatoryrecycling**

Curbside Collection

Participants: 2 (Electoral Areas "B" and "J")

The TNRD provides curbside waste collection in Avola and Blue River in Electoral Area "B" (Thompson-Headwaters) and Cherry Creek, Tobiano, and Savona in Electoral Area "J" (Copper Desert Country).

Need the collection schedule? Check out: **tnrd.ca/curbsidecollection**

UTILITY SERVICES

Community Water Systems

Participants: 11 Local Areas (Black Pines, Blue River, Del Oro, Evergreen Estates, Loon Lake, Maple Mission, Pritchard – North, Savona, Spences Bridge, Vavenby, Walhachin)

The TNRD owns and operates 11 Community Water Systems, all of which were constructed within communities and later acquired by the TNRD upon request. These small water systems range in size from small to micro, from approximately 16 connections to approximately 325 connections. The TNRD adheres to a Water Conservation Plan for all of its water systems.

Monitor Your Water Use: The EyeOnWater mobile app allows TNRD water customers to see water usage, detect leaks, and discover trends for water usage. To sign up for free, visit: **eyeonwater.ca/signup.**

Community Sewer Systems

Participants: 2 Local Areas (Paul Lake, Pritchard – North)

The TNRD operates two wastewater systems, located in Paul Lake and Pritchard. The Paul Lake wastewater system was built in 1996 and has approximately 105 connections. The Pritchard wastewater system was built in 1998 and has approximately 175 connections.



FIRE PROTECTION SERVICES

TNRD Fire Departments

Participants: 9 Local Areas (Blackpool, Little Fort, Loon Lake, McLure, Monte Creek, Pritchard, South Green Lake, Tobiano, Vavenby)

The TNRD operates nine fire departments, providing structural fire protection in a number of rural areas of the regional district. Additionally, two TNRD Fire Departments (Blackpool and Vavenby) provide road rescue service within their response boundaries. .

TNRD Fire Service Areas (Fire Service via Non-TNRD Fire Departments)

Participants: 7 Local Areas (areas near Ashcroft including Boston Flats, near Barriere including Louis Creek and Maple Mission, near Chase including VLA Road, near Clinton, near Logan Lake, near Merritt including Coldwater Road, Harmon Estates, Lower Nicola and Miller Estates, and near Sun Peaks including Whitecroft).

The TNRD has contracts with several neighbouring municipalities to provide structural fire protection to TNRD properties. Each fire protection service area has previously been established by assent voting by residents.

Join your local TNRD Fire Department!

To apply to be a paid-on-call firefighter, contact your local TNRD Fire Chief or contact TNRD Fire Protection Services: 1-877-377-8673, or fireprotectionservices@tnrd.ca.

FireSmart

FireSmart™ Participants: 10 (All Electoral Areas)

The TNRD FireSmart™ program provides Home Assessments, facilitates fire mitigation works, and provides education on crucial FireSmart™ principles. This program helps private properties undertake mitigation work on their land to reduce the risk of damage from wildfire.

By creating a FireSmart™ property, you will dramatically increase the fire resistance of your home and property. To learn more about TNRD FireSmart™ programming and to book a free Home Assessment, visit: **tnrd.ca/firesmart**



Blackpool Fire Hall, Electoral Area "A" (Wells Gray Country)









COMMUNITY SERVICES

Cemeteries
Participants: 2 (Electoral Areas "B," and "O")

The TNRD owns and operates cemeteries in Avola, Blue River, and Little Fort, and manages groundskeeping and interment services at these sites.

Community Halls
Participants: 3 (Electoral Area "B," portions of Electoral Areas "A" and "O")

The TNRD owns and operates three community halls including the Avola Schoolhouse, Little Fort Community Hall, and Vavenby Community Hall. The TNRD maintains these halls and manages bookings for each facility.

Community Parks
Participants: 7 (Electoral Areas "A," "B," "J," "L," "M," "N" and "O")

The TNRD owns and operates 10 Community Parks, the Agate Bay Boat Launch, and the Blue River Trail Network. TNRD Community Parks are located in Avola, Birch Island, Blackpool, Little Fort, Lower Nicola, and Vavenby, and east of Kamloops near Lafarge (Wittner Road).

Regional Parks
Participants: 21 (All TNRD Electoral Areas and Member Municipalities)

The TNRD owns and operates two Regional Parks: Little Hell's Gate Regional Park (located at Messiter Summit), and Barriere Forks Regional Park (located on Barriere Lakes Road). As part of the Regional Parks Service, the TNRD also operates the buoy navigation system in the South Thompson River, between the Chase Bridge and Kamloops Lake.

Dangerous Dog Control
Participants: 10 (All Electoral Areas)

Bylaw Officers can issue financial penalties related to Dangerous Dog Control Bylaw 2383, and have the authority to seize or destroy dangerous dogs under certain circumstances. Any fine revenues stay within the Dangerous Dog Control program and offset taxation. This service was expanded in 2025 to include Electoral Areas "B," E," and "L," and it now covers all 10 Electoral Areas of the TNRD.

Radio Rebroadcast
Participants: 1 (Electoral Area "B")

The TNRD delivers Radio Rebroadcast services within Electoral Area "B" in the North Thompson Valley.

Street Lighting
Participants: 6 Local Areas
(Avola, Blackpool, Coldwater Road, Pritchard (North), Vavenby, Whitecroft)

The TNRD is responsible for street light maintenance in six communities listed above.

Transit
Participants: 4 (Electoral Area "B," portions of Electoral Areas "A," "M" and "O")

The TNRD partners with BC Transit to fund transit services in several rural areas, including the North Thompson Valley and Lower Nicola.







During an emergency incident, make sure you receive emergency notifications from the TNRD through Voyent Alert! To subscribe for free to this service, visit: **tnrd.ca/voyent**

EMERGENCY SERVICES

Participants: 17 (All 10 Electoral Areas and 7 Member Municipalities including Ashcroft, Barriere, Cache Creek, Chase, Clearwater, Clinton, and Lytton)

The TNRD Emergency Preparedness program provides direction and coordination when responding to, and recovering from, major incidents or disasters within TNRD Electoral Areas, such as flooding, wildfires, and landslides, when there is a threat to human life and safety.

This program is in place to assist incident commanders when emergencies exceed their response capabilities, training, or available resources. The TNRD also provides technical assistance, direction, and training to participating member municipalities. The Emergency Operations Centre (EOC) is also a key component of the Emergency Preparedness program.

The TNRD Emergency Program does not take the place of the Ministry of Emergency Management and Climate Readiness (EMCR), nor does it address emergencies that are normally handled at the scene by the appropriate first responding agencies, such as police, fire, ambulance, or the BC Wildfire Service.



NUISANCE MOSQUITO REDUCTION

Participants: 13 (Electoral Areas "J," "L," "M," "O" and "P," portions of Electoral Areas "A" and "N," and 6 Member Municipalities including Barriere, Chase, Clearwater, Logan Lake, Kamloops, and Sun Peaks)

The TNRD Mosquito Control Program targets species of mosquitos that pose a nuisance for humans, primarily those known as floodwater and snowmelt mosquitoes.

To learn more about this service, visit: **tnrd.ca/mosquitoes**

INVASIVE PLANT MANAGEMENT

Participants: 15 (All 10 Electoral Areas and member municipalities including Clearwater, Clinton, Logan Lake, Merritt, and Sun Peaks)

The TNRD works towards protecting environmental, economic, and social values being impacted by invasive plants within the Thompson-Nicola region. The TNRD has a series of invasive plant resources to help educate residents on invasive plants and their management, and hosts community events and education initiatives during the year.

Landowners within this service area are eligible for the TNRD's cost-share and sprayer loan-out programs, private land consultations, the biological control program and new invader program. To learn more, visit: **tnrd.ca/invasiveplants**







THOMPSON-NICOLA REGIONAL LIBRARY

Participants: 21 (All TNRD Electoral Areas and Member Municipalities)

The Thompson-Nicola Regional Library serves the entire TNRD, with 13 libraries, a Mobile Library, and Library Home Service. The TNRL is dedicated to lifelong learning for TNRD residents, and it has been serving Thompson-Nicola residents since 1974.

TNRD libraries provide community spaces which spark creativity, engagement, and community connection. The TNRL strives to be a leader in celebrating literacy and transforming lives through knowledge and information. We value customer service, literacy, lifelong learning, intellectual freedom, inclusion, respect, and innovation.

You can register for a **free** library card from school, work, or the comfort of your own home to instantly access digital services and place holds on library materials! Register online at: **tnrl.ca/register**



Visit your favourite movie spots with the TNFC's interactive Movie Locations Map! Back by popular demand, the recently re-launched Movie Map showcases TNRD landscapes and communities captured by hundreds of film productions. View the Movie Map for yourself: **filmthompsonnicola.com/movie-map**

THOMPSON-NICOLA FILM COMMISSION

Participants: 21 (All TNRD Electoral Areas and Member Municipalities)

The Thompson-Nicola Film Commission is a full-service film commission that markets the Thompson-Nicola's unique locations, services, and amenities, crew, and talent to production companies worldwide. With a small but mighty team of just over 2 full-time equivalent staff, the TNFC facilitates and supports productions filming in areas of the TNRD.

DEVELOPMENT SERVICES

Planning

Participants: 21 (All Electoral Areas and Member Municipalities)

Planning Services administers land use and development applications and long-range planning for all 10 Electoral Areas. Long range planning is supported across jurisdictions through the Regional Growth Strategy, Fringe Areas Policy, South Thompson Settlement Strategy, and other broad planning initiatives, such as Official Community Plans.

Building Services

Participants: 16 (All Electoral Areas and six Member Municipalities including Ashcroft, Cache Creek, Chase, Clearwater, Clinton, and Logan Lake)

The Building Department is responsible for Building Permits and Building Inspections for new builds, alterations, additions, or demolition of structures in TNRD Electoral Areas and Member Municipalities where it is contracted to provide this service.

ADMINISTRATION

Participants: 21
(All TNRD Electoral Areas and Member Municipalities)
Administration supports key functions and services of the TNRD.

Chief Administrative Officer (CAO Office) manages the regional district's overall operations, implements Board directives and policies, and advises the Board on all local government operations. The CAO Office is the primary point of contact between the Board and staff.

Communications supports all departments in external communications initiatives including media relations, community engagement, public assent processes, consultation, and public notices, and also supports administration's communication and staff systems.

Corporate and Legislative Services maintains corporate records such as meeting minutes, reports, policies, and bylaws, carries out public assent processes and elections, and provides administrative support for Board of Director meetings and committees.

External Relations & Advocacy supports the CAO Office to ensure that organizational goals outlined in the Board's Strategic Plan are being actioned and that key Board objectives are being met.

Facilities is responsible for overseeing all areas of TNRD capital projects and managing existing TNRD facilities, including the Civic Building, firehalls, libraries, solid waste sites, and more.

Finance leads oversight of annual budgeting, planning of operational and capital budgets and long-term forecasting, accounts payable and receivable, purchasing and contracts, service billing and collection, and accurate and timely financial reporting.

Geographic Information Systems (GIS) maintains mapping, spatial data, online applications, and assigns civic addressing for Electoral Areas.

Human Resources is responsible for staffing, employee and labour relations, training, safety, and development; this department also includes Payroll which is responsible for all matters relating to employee compensation and benefits.

Information Technology (IT) maintains technological tools that staff and the public use daily, including software, hardware, cloud services, security, networks, and websites.

2025 ACHIEVEME

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Deadman Vidette Road, Electoral Area "J" (Copper Desert Country)



ENTS

SOLID WASTE AND RECYCLING

Trunk Sale Events Are A Hit

The TNRD hosted two successful Trunk Sale events in Chase and Clearwater in fall of 2025 – the first Trunk Sales since 2016. Both were well attended locally, and included live music to boot!

Trunk Sales are an opportunity to sell, swap, or donate items from your home in a community-wide garage sale while decluttering, promoting reuse, and keeping useable goods out of the landfill.

40 VENDORS at each event (full capacity)

4 TRUNK SALE EVENTS planned in 2026

Making Sure Ag Plastics Get Recycled

In partnership with Cleanfarms, the TNRD launched a pilot program in 2025 to help ranchers divert agricultural plastics from landfills. Specifically, the pilot program involved supplying compactors to ranches in the Thompson-Nicola region to compact bale and sileage wrap for recycling. Cleanfarms then connects compacted materials with end markets for recycling. The TNRD plans to onboard additional ranches during the four-year pilot program.

8 COMPACTORS distributed in 2025

66 TONNES of ag plastics to be recycled by 2028

A New Chapter in Recycling

The TNRD, in partnership with Planet Earth Recycling, launched a book recycling pilot program at the South Thompson (Pritchard) Eco-Depot and Westwold Transfer Station, accepting books in any condition free of charge! This availability is crucial as RecycleBC does not accept books, and therefore books cannot be recycled in curbside carts or at most depots. Expansion of this program is planned in 2026.

4,800 POUNDS of books recycled in first 8.5 months of pilot program

54% OF BUILDING materials can be diverted from landfill

53 LOCATIONS to pick up a copy of the C&D Toolkit

Sorting Saves!

The TNRD launched the Construction, Renovation, & Demolition Toolkit to help the construction industry and DIYers effectively plan building and demolition projects – reducing landfill waste and cutting costs. The C&D Toolkit includes comprehensive guidance on waste diversion, a directory of recycling and salvage services, and information on local disposal regulations. Grab a free copy at hardware stores, solid waste sites, and local government offices in the Thompson-Nicola region.

Separating metal, clean wood waste, asphalt shingles, and asphalt/ concrete from construction waste keeps these materials out of landfills, and can save thousands of dollars in disposal fees. Learn more: **tnrd.ca/construction-waste.**

New Fleet Vehicles Roll In

In 2025, the TNRD purchased four B-train transfer trailers for a combined cost of $1.46 million – with half of this cost being grant funded through the Canada Community Building Fund. These trailers are used to move garbage and recycling from solid waste sites to various landfills or recycling processors, and replace trailers from the existing fleet that are more than 11 years old and in various states of repair.

TNRD FIRE PROTECTION SERVICES

THOMPSON-NICOLA REGIONAL DISTRICT





Monte Creek Firehall Up and Running

The Monte Creek Firehall is now built and fully operational, providing a permanent home for the Monte Creek Fire Department to serve and protect area residents and properties. A community grand opening event took place in September 2025, after the fire department moved into the hall in August. During the grand opening, a plaque was unveiled at the site to recognize that land for the firehall was generously donated by Linda Herman and the late Ed Herman.

Supporting Community Wildfire Response

The TNRD supported 14 rural community groups to fund wildfire suppression training and the purchase of PPE. Notably, in Tranquille Valley, local community members were able to respond immediately to a wildfire over the BC Day long weekend in 2025 – containing the fire quickly and safely before BC Wildfire Service crews arrived. This program specifically benefitted rural communities with no structural fire protection, and was made possible thanks to a grant of $100,000 from the Union of BC Municipalities.

Barnes Lake, Electoral Area "I" (Blue Sky Country)

Everywhere A Sign

The TNRD launched a program to provide residents with free emergency-grade address signs, helping ensure rural property access points are easily visible in case of an emergency or during an evacuation. Additionally, this program has allowed the TNRD to work with many property owners to verify addresses and resolve any issues. There were 1,083 address signs ordered by the end of 2025.



This program has occurred as local governments like the TNRD are working to verify address information in advance of the federally-mandated Next Generation 9-1-1 (NG-911), which will enable citizens to dispatch 9-1-1 digitally and share digital information during an emergency.

Fire Departments Achieve First Responder Status

Blackpool Fire Rescue, Tobiano Fire Department, and Vavenby Fire Department were all identified as trained first responders through an agreement signed in 2025 with BC Emergency Health Services, enabling firefighters to respond to medical calls within their response areas. This will support an immediate response for 9-1-1 medical calls for residents within these service areas.

2025 Fire Service Long Service Recognition:

Blackpool Fire Rescue

Deitrich Rempel	40 Years
Leslie Hayes	35 years
Gilbert Fowler	20 years

Little Fort Fire Department

Chief Kam Jim	30 years

McLure Fire Department

Chief Noel Johnson (retired)	25 years

Pritchard Fire Department

Mark Hall	20 years

South Green Lake Fire Department

Dennis Nagy	55 years
Delbert Westfall	50 years
David Plenert	45 years

FireSmart

Rebate Programs Launched

The TNRD launched two FireSmart™ rebate programs in 2025 to incentivize residents to do fire mitigation work on their property. The Homeowner Rebate Program provides up to $500 for residents who FireSmart™ within 1.5 metres of their home, and the Senior Rebate Program for residents aged 65 and older provides up to $750 for those who FireSmart™ within 30 metres of their home. Rebates cover actual costs incurred and labour by the homeowner.

58 REBATES provided (45 rebates to seniors)

$38,331.80 issued in rebates to residents







A Busy Year FireSmarting Communities

Capacity was added for FireSmart™ Coordinators for increased home assessments in several communities, with staff travelling to all corners of the Thompson-Nicola region to help residents reduce wildfire fuel and mitigate risks on their property. Free Chipping Days continued in 2025 with the first full year of this program, where thousands of pounds of brush, branches, and deadfall were hauled away free of charge for property owners.

341 FIRESMART™ HOME ASSESSMENTS completed (551 structures assessed)

14 FREE CHIPPING DAYS hosted in rural communities

22 EVENTS attended or hosted

COMMUNITY SERVICES

Planning the Future of TNRD Parks

In 2025, the TNRD completed its first-ever Parks & Trails Strategic Plan, which will guide management, operation, and development of TNRD parks and trails over the next 10 years!

The Plan makes 23 recommendations under six strategic goals, which are intended to improve the quality and supply of parks and trails across the regional district. To learn more about TNRD Parks and Trails and to view the new Parks & Trails Strategic Plan, visit: tnrd.ca/parks-strategy.

Improvements at the Heart of Communities

Smith Pioneer Park (Lower Nicola): The tennis and pickleball courts were resurfaced to ensure a lasting, comfortable experience for park users for years to come! Additionally, three benches were added at portions of the trail throughout the park.

Project cost: $42,475 *(fully grant funded by CCBF)*

Blue River Community Park: If you build it, they will come! The infield gravel at the ball diamond was replaced with a shale bentonite material, more suitable and comfortable as a playing surface! This project was done just in time for an August long weekend slo pitch tournament. Special thanks to Mike Wiegele Helicopter Skiing for fully funding this capital project!

Vavenby Community Hall: Ask us what's cooking! A kitchen upgrade was completed to replace an aging propane range with a new commercial-style dual fuel range! The new unit is equipped with an electric griddle, electric convection ovens, and six propane burners.

Project cost: $20,000

Little Fort Community Hall: A new staircase was installed, connecting the parking lot to the top floor of the dual-purpose community hall/ firehall building! The new staircase alleviates safety concerns that were caused by the deteriorating old staircase.

Project cost: $6,190 *(fully grant funded by Trans Mountain Community Benefit Funds)*

School Site Supports Community Goals

The TNRD entered into a lease for the former Tranquille Valley school property, and signed an agreement for the property to be managed by the Tranquille Valley Community Association. The TVCA has a long-term plan for establishing a community hall on the property (which would require public consultation and a formal public assent process at a future time). For the time being, the property is being used to store equipment by the Alpine Valley Wildfire Response Team and can be used for community events.

Dangerous Dog Control Service Expanded

The TNRD's Dangerous Dog Control Service was expanded to Electoral Areas "B," "E," and "L," and it now covers all 10 Electoral Areas. This service enables bylaw officers to respond to complaints when a dog has killed or seriously injured a person, has killed or seriously injured a domestic animal in a public place or while on private property other than the dog's owner, or there are reasonable grounds to believe a dog is likely to kill or injury a person.

UTILITY SERVICES

Improving Water Quality in Pritchard

Significant progress was made on a capital project to improve water quality for customers of the Prichard Community Water System. The new Pritchard Water Treatment Plant was nearing completion at the end of 2025, and once in commission will immediately improve water quality for residents. This $6-million-dollar project is fully grant funded, and will be the first Water Treatment Plant built among TNRD water systems.



Drilling Down Water Sources

The TNRD began a groundwater exploration project by drilling a test well in Spences Bridge, with the goal of finding a location for back-up well and water source outside of the community's main aquifer. A productive water source was found, and further testing has continued.

In 2025, grant funding was allocated to fund 100% of groundwater exploration projects for four TNRD Community Water Systems – Spences Bridge, Del Oro, Maple Mission, and Evergreen Estates. Planning work on these projects is continuing into 2026.



Prompt Response for Repairs

Emergency repairs were conducted by Utilities staff for several water main breaks in 2025. These included breaks in Vavenby in late January and again in early December, in Blue River in late February, and in Pritchard in late October. Prompt reporting is critical by residents when abnormal conditions are observed for ensuring timely repair work, and the TNRD appreciates this public input. Additionally, near-real-time reporting by water meters helps to ensure leaks are detected and isolated sooner, improving repair times and supporting water conservation.

Stump Lake,
Electoral Area "M" (Beautiful Nicola Valley - North)

INVASIVE PLANT MANAGEMENT

Coordination, Education & Outreach

- **165** events delivered/ attended including classroom presentations, community weed pulls, training, and community events
- **59,000** people reached with invasive plant messaging
- **40,000** invasive plant program webpage views (**tnrd.ca/invasiveplants**)

Region-Wide Operations

- **Over $1.2 million** invested in invasive plant management by 8 different organizations
- **1,557** invasive plant treatments
- **105.7** hectares (261 acres) of invasive plants managed
- **24** metric tonnes of invasive plants disposed at TNRD solid waste facilities

TNRD Invasive Plant Program Services for Residents:

- **186** program participants
- **$107,700** issued in rebates to private landowners
- **65** equipment loan-outs
- **57** private land consultations
- **800** biological control insects released





DID YOU KNOW?

Vectobac 200G is an organic water-dispersible granule, with naturally-occurring spore-forming bacterium found in soil and aquatic environments specific to larvae of mosquitoes, black flies, and closely related flies. It is not harmful to non-target organism populations including fish, livestock, or humans. Application is not carried out in permanent, fish-bearing bodies of water or waters that have permanent, direct, surface-water connections with fish-bearing bodies of water, to avoid affecting fish food sources.



MOSQUITO CONTROL

Within the TNRD, most mosquito larval habitat occurs in temporary snowmelt or river floodwater pools. In 2025, water levels remained well below normal, resulting in a reduced need for mosquito larval treatments.

- **1,910** hectares of mosquito larva habitat treated in service areas
- **9,394** kilograms of VectoBac 200G applied during ground and aerial applications
- **2,004** adult mosquitos trapped and identified, representing 19 mosquito species

EMERGENCY SERVICES

Wildfires, a Failing Dam, and Train Derailment Comprise 2025 EOC Activity

For a second-straight year in 2025, the TNRD Emergency Operations Centre (EOC) fully activated beginning on June 30 due to an emergency. The Mount Scatchard wildfire broke out on June 30 on an early summer day near the Trans-Canada Highway, resulting in an evacuation alert for TNRD properties near Harper Lake, which was rescinded five days later.

The EOC was active for various periods in July and early September due to several wildfires – including the Mount Scatchard wildfire, the Nikaia Creek wildfire near Lytton, the Izman Creek wildfire north of Lytton, the Cantilever Bar wildfire south of Lytton, and the Mine Creek wildfire near the Coquihalla Highway south of Merritt. The EOC was active in early September for a debris flow event on Douglas Lake Road south of Westwold, in early October due to a failing dam at Fadear Lake, and again in early November for a CPKC train derailment on Kamloops Lake.

Fortunately, in 2025, no structures on TNRD properties were lost due to flooding or wildfires. Following monitoring and coordination with direct response agencies, there were no impacts to TNRD water customers following the CPKC train derailment.

- **6** properties on Evacuation Order
- **122** properties on Evacuation Alert
- **5** State of Local Emergency Declarations in Electoral Areas
- **24** EOC Employees
- **512** staff hours in TNRD EOC
  (staff OT hours in EOC are reimbursed by the Province)
- **20** emergency notices issued on **eoc.tnrd.ca**
- **18** alerts shared via Voyent Alert



Door-Knocking to Improve Preparedness

Emergency preparedness is a crucial aspect to TNRD Emergency Services, and one key event in 2025 was an evacuation notification exercise at Paul Lake. This door-knocking exercise involved TNRD staff and Kamloops Search and Rescue members directly informing residents of evacuation notice information, and providing emergency preparedness resources.

Mock Exercise Builds on Cross-Agency Collaboration

Prior to the start of wildfire season, staff from the TNRD, City of Kamloops, and Tk'emlúps te Secwépemc conducted a half-day mock wildfire evacuation – involving coordination between all three Emergency Operation Centres. This exercise helps to ensure that each agency is prepared to coordinate effectively if required if a similar emergency situation occurred.

THOMPSON-NICOLA REGIONAL LIBRARY

- **1.037 million** materials circulated *(663,262 physical materials, 315,989 via Overdrive, 58,432 via Databases)*
- **403,964** library visits (+4% from 2024)
- **6,962** new patrons
- **2,516** program sessions (combined attendance of **21,440**)
- **2,202** children registered in Summer Reading Club





Renovated and Improved Clearwater Library

Extensive renovations have been completed at the Clearwater Library, bringing a host of improvements to library functionality and accessibility. The library reopened in September, following nine months of being temporarily relocated to the Dutch Lake Community Centre.

Expanded Hours at Tiny Library

Due to significant demand, as of spring 2025 the small-but-mighty Aberdeen Tiny Library saw its hours doubled from 16 to 32, and the library in Aberdeen Mall is now open six days per week instead of four!

Additionally, in 2025, the TNRD and City of Kamloops confirmed plans for a future library space in the Dufferin Arena Multiplex, ensuring a permanent southwest Kamloops library.

- **31,108** items circulated at Aberdeen Tiny Library *(+31% from 2024)*

TNRL Welcomes New Library Head

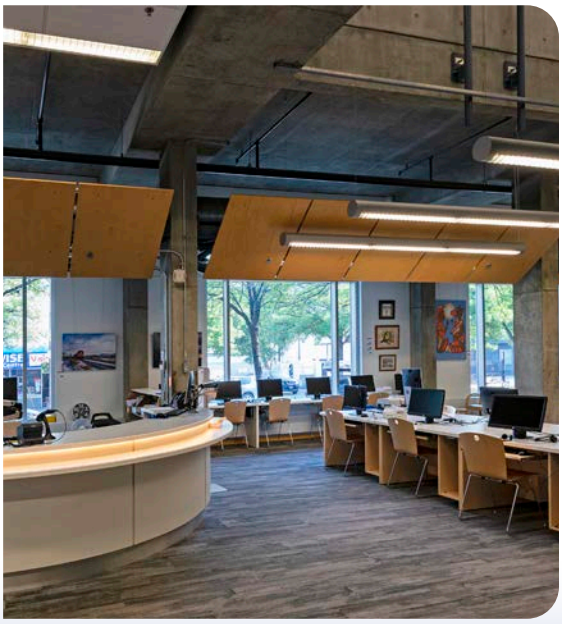
The TNRL was pleased to announce Julie Creaser as its new General Manager of Library Services! Julie brings more than 20 years of experience in public library and government leadership roles, and the TNRL is thrilled to have Julie's enthusiasm for advancing literacy and programming.

New Digital Resources

New TNRL App: The TNRL is more portable than ever, thanks to a new app launched in 2025 that keeps the library at your fingertips! The TNRL App allows patrons to manage their accounts, discover library programs, easily search new bestsellers, and access digital resources – all from their phone or tablet. The app is free to download on the App Store or on Google Play.

- 1,728 App downloads
- 44,205 App launches

New Catalogue: A new search experience is here! The TNRL launched Vega Discover in 2025 as its new library catalogue. Vega comes with a user-friendly design, a direct connection to Libby and Hoopla, personalized lists, and refined search filters to find exactly what you're looking for.



Grade 3 VIPs

The Grade 3 V.I.P. Library Card Campaign connected hundreds of students with a free TNRL library card in 2025! This annual campaign ensures that all Grade 3 students within Thompson-Nicola schools have the opportunity to get a free library card – and new cardholders get a special welcome letter and a sticker from campaign ambassador Chestnut!

- **506** students received a new library card
- **70** classrooms from **32** schools participated
- **2,957** new Grade 3 library cardholders since 2019

THOMPSON-NICOLA FILM COMMISSION

Hit Film on Santa's Nice List Last Year

The primary film location of the must-watch holiday film My Secret Santa, starring Ryan Eggold and Alexandra Breckenridge, was no secret after all. The hit Netflix film was watched more than 41.7 million times during the holiday season after premiering in early December of 2025 – and the film was ***shot entirely in Sun Peaks and Kamloops!*** Not only was the ski resort the feature film location, but Sun Peaks was also the location's name used throughout the movie.

More than two dozen documentaries, commercials, web series, TV episodes, local projects, short films, and independent feature films chose the Thompson-Nicola region as their backdrop in 2025. Other notable productions released in 2025 included 13th Wife, Untamed, commercials for the new GMC Sierra and new Kia Sportage Turbo Hybrid, and more!

- **28** projects filmed in the Thompson-Nicola region (+133%)
- **95** film project inquiries (+27%)
- **$4.5 million** direct spend by film industry in 2025
- **5 day** "familiarization tour" hosted with producers, directors, and location managers
- **3** consecutive years ranked as a "top small city" to live/work as a filmmaker (MovieMaker Magazine)

Quiet on Set!

Last year, the TNFC introduced electric generators for production companies to lease when filming in the Thompson-Nicola region! E-generators are cleaner and – yes – quieter than traditional gas-powered generators for use on set, and are functional for urban or rural shooting locations. Purchase of these e-generators was fully grant funded by the Local Government Climate Action Program.

A F.I.N.E. Opportunity

The TNFC's Film Industry Networking Events (F.I.N.E) moved to a new location in 2025, and these events are now hosted on Sundays from 4-6 pm at the Paramount Theatre in downtown Kamloops! These monthly events feature special guests and are open to anyone wanting to learn more about film or be involved in the local film industry! Stay tuned for updates on the TNFC Facebook page.

Ashcroft Indian Band Plateau, Electoral Area "I" (Blue Sky Country)

GRANTS

Grant funding supports capital projects, planning for community needs, purchase of essential equipment, and seasonal or temporary employment opportunities. Grant funds allow projects to proceed with a reduced burden on taxpayers.

23 successful grants in 2025

$1.41 million value of grants received in 2025

8 additional grants applied for in 2025 with results pending *(combined value of $7.5 million)*

Notable grants received in 2025:

- **$360,000**: TNRD Fire Departments equipment and training
- **$100,000:** NG-911 civic addressing program (free address signs)
- **$100,000:** Invasive plant management
- **$99,990:** Wildfire training and PPE for rural community groups (CERO program)
- **$40,000:** Emergency operations centre equipment
- **$40,000:** Rural Emergency Support Services equipment and training

Canada Community Building Fund:

In addition to grants the TNRD receives, local governments across Canada also receive annual funding on a per-capita basis from the federal Canada Community Building Fund (CCBF), formerly known as the Gas Tax Fund.

In 2025, the TNRD allocated $1.2 million in CCBF funding for infrastructure improvements and equipment purchases, including:

- **$781,000:** Purchase of two new B-train trailers for moving solid waste from Eco-Depots
- **$125,000:** Purchase of a replacement tender for the Pritchard Fire Department
- **$104,000:** Work on a new reservoir for the Walhachin Community Water System
- **$58,000:** Roof replacement for Merritt Library

Additionally, approximately **$1.8 million** in 2025 in previously-allocated CCBF funds were spent on construction of a new water treatment plant for the Pritchard Community Water System, which will be completed in 2026.

DEVELOPMENT SERVICES

Feedback Shared on Shaping Communities

Extensive public engagement continued as part of planning for two new Official Community Plans (OCPs) in Electoral Areas "M" and "N," and Electoral Areas "L" and "P." Staff hosted seven public meetings in rural communities and received 166 responses to surveys for each OCP that were available during the spring.

During public engagement, highlights have included strong support for protecting the rural character of communities, interest in small-scale housing options, housing for young families and aging in place, preserving agricultural lands and natural areas, a desire for more collaboration with external agencies, and requests for improved infrastructure, transportation, and emergency services.

Busy Year for Building

There was a 50% increase in construction value in the TNRD in 2025 compared to 2024, and a 76% in the number of residential units created.

Some of the highest-valued construction activity included the following building permits:

- 29-unit apartment in Ashcroft (value of $8.1 million)
- 37-unit apartment in Chase ($11.1 million)
- 11-unit apartment/ townhouse complex in Chase ($8.4 million)
- 33-unit apartment in Clearwater ($12.0 million)
- Tk'emlúps Healing Centre on Shuswap Road ($9.2 million)

2025 Building Permits by the Numbers:

- **183** building permits issued (-23% from 2024)
- **$102.7** million construction value (+50% from 2024)
- **197** residential housing units created (+76% from 2024)
  (65 single-family units, 115 multi-family units, 17 manufactured homes)

2025 Building Inspections by the Numbers:

- **1,515** visits to the Building Inspection Request/ Building Information Request online webpages
- **578** Building Information Requests
- **1,429** building inspections managed
- **244** building permit files completed
- **115** plumbing permit files completed
- **89,500 km** travelled by Building Inspectors



Walhachin Bridge
Electoral Area "I" (Blue Sky Country)

ADMINISTRATION

Corporate and Legislative Services

- **19** Privacy Impact and Security Risk Assessments
- **20** Freedom of Information Requests
- **2,146** pages of information provided through FOI requests
- **18** business days for average FOI response
- **10** significant policy updates

Information & Technology and Strategic Business Support

The IT and Strategic Business Support departments advanced significant projects for digital transformation, including procurement of new Finance and HR software systems and reviewing current software systems for Development Services. Staff also introduce a policy on Artificial Intelligence usage, coinciding with a pilot group of staff utilizing Microsoft Co-Pilot to improve processes and efficiency.

Geographic Information Systems (GIS)

GIS department highlights in 2025 included:

- Supporting emergency operations with timely mapping for evacuation orders and alerts
- Hosting asset data for member municipalities
- Building an asset management data inventory with operations staff
- Creating an Asbestos Risk & Deconstruction Search Tool with solid waste staff
- Focusing on education and data management for Next Generation 9-1-1 requirements

- **49,145 visitors** to the myRegionView portal
- **7,648 visits** to Open Data portal

TNRD GIS Receives Innovative Idea Award

The TNRD was proud to be the recipient of the 2025 Innovative Idea Award from the Government Finance Officers Association of British Columbia (GFOABC) for its partnership with 10 member municipalities to manage GIS data and provide support for the Next Generation 9-1-1 project.

By sharing GIS data resources as part of a formal five-year shared service agreement, signed in 2024 with 10 member municipalities, the TNRD has ensured centralized and consistent data management and compliance with upcoming legislative requirements as part of the NG911 transition. This support also helps many smaller local governments with limited resources to effectively manage data.

Human Resources

The Human Resources team focused on leadership training and culture, with 6 courses held for all managers that were focused on leadership, culture, change management, and technical skills. Each senior manager has also undergone a 360-degree performance review with feedback provided by many direct staff – continually supporting a culture of engagement, quality work, and support.

Communications

- **71** Press Releases
- **22** Board Meeting Highlights Newsletters *(TNRD and Hospital District)*
- **21** Emergency Updates posted to eoc.tnrd.ca
- **84** Voyent Alert! notices *(received by 23,833 users)*

Accessibility Plan Adopted

The first-ever TNRD Accessibility Plan was approved, identifying barriers to accessibility and inclusion that may be experienced by the public or TNRD staff. The plan makes 37 recommendations to improve accessibility. Feedback on accessibility can be provided in-person at staffed TNRD facilities, or online anytime at: **tnrd.ca/accessibility-feedback.**

External Relations & Advocacy

Building Working Relationships Regionally

The TNRD signed Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) agreements with two First Nations in 2025 – High Bar First Nation in January, and Neskonlith Indian Band in December. At the out-of-town Board meeting in June, staff and elected officials received a tour of culturally-significant areas within High Bar First Nation territories. The TNRD also hosted community-to-community forums with Tk̓emlúps te Secwépemc and Simpcw First Nation.

These MOU agreements represent a formal commitment by the TNRD on collaboration with First Nation governments and advancing reconciliation. The regional district now has four MOUs signed with neighbouring First Nations, which can all be viewed publicly at: **tnrd.ca/firstnations.**

Advocacy at the Source

For the first time in 2025, the TNRD took its advocacy beyond usual conventions and twice met directly with ministers in Victoria. Each of these trips were attended by the Chair, the CAO, and the External Relations & Advocacy Advisor. These tours provided opportunities for longer meetings with ministers, advancing meaningful conversations on TNRD advocacy priorities.





2025 BUDGET HIGHLIGHTS





Big Bar Guest Ranch
Electoral Area "E" (Bonaparte Plateau)



Tranquille-Criss Creek Road,
Electoral Area "J" (Copper Desert Country)



About the TNRD Budget

Each year, the TNRD Board of Directors adopts the Five-Year Financial Plan before March 31, as required by all regional districts in B.C. in the Local Government Act.

The tax requisition increased to $28.8 million in 2025, which is up from $27.2 million in 2024. The 2025 budget included 116 services with costs split between all 10 Electoral Areas and 11 Member Municipalities of the TNRD. Exact costs vary for each community because in a regional district budget, most services are not region-wide and property owners only pay for services that they receive, and money also cannot be shifted between services in a regional district.

The tax requisition in 2025 increased by 5.9% compared to 2024. Many TNRD residential property owners would've seen a lower-percentage increase in their property tax amounts in 2024, or even a decrease compared to the previous year. This is largely due to new growth spreading the tax requisition across a larger base.

The TNRD Operating Budget increased to $63.98 million in 2025, due in large part to an increase in costs to deliver services due to inflation, and in increase in service levels for several existing services.

Key factors for cost increases in 2025 included a 4% negotiated wage increase for BCGEU staff, inflationary cost increases at the 27 Eco-Depots and Transfer Stations, two new full-time library staff positions at the Aberdeen Tiny Library, a new facilities manager position and new assent manager position, cost increases for janitorial service after a five-year contract, and other general cost increases. The TNRD achieved cost reductions by eliminating one full-time senior management staff position, reducing expenses in the Solid Waste and Recycling Department, using higher-than-expected surplus funds from 2024 to offset operating costs, and returning the "Recreation & Culture Grant-in-Aid" reserve funds to participating Electoral Areas over three years starting in 2025.

The TNRD Capital Budget was approximately $24.99 million in 2025, including $12.8 million in new capital projects and $12.2 million in carry-forward project costs from 2024. The Capital Budget can fluctuate substantially year over year depending on projects that are forecast in the upcoming year.

Total Services: 116

Total TNRD 2025 Budget: $91.2 million

(Capital and Operating Expenditures)

TNRD 2025 Operating Budget

General Operating
$64.0 million

Utility Services (Water & Sewer)
$2.2 million

Total
$66.2 million

TNRD 2025 Capital Budget

General Capital Budget
$14.0 million

Utility Services (Water & Sewer)
$11.0 million

Total
$25.0 million

To view the full Five-Year Financial Plan, visit:
tnrd.ca/financial-reports

Tax Requisition:
$28,795,163
(+$1.6 million from 2024)

Municipality Totals:
$13,717,764
(+$866,909 from 2024)

Electoral Area Totals:
$12,284,937
(+$531,054 from 2024)

Local Services:
$2,792,463
(+$206,930 from 2024)



Blue River
Electoral Area "B" (Thompson Headwaters)

THOMPSON-NICOLA REGIONAL DISTRICT

Residential Tax Requisition 2024 vs 2025

	2025		2024		Overall	
Municipalities	**Average Home Value**	**Average Yearly Tax**	**Average Home Value**	**Average Yearly Tax**	**$ Increase / (Decrease)**	**% Increase / (Decrease)**
City of Kamloops	682,735	167.37	663,352	155.42	$11.94	7.7%
City of Merritt	451,515	289.89	442,119	276.19	$13.69	5.0%
District of Barriere	382,230	283.20	364,373	267.81	$15.38	5.7%
District of Clearwater	382,840	304.55	372,781	304.97	($0.42)	-0.1%
District of Logan Lake	389,283	252.22	380,895	239.77	$12.44	5.2%
Sun Peaks Mountain Resort Municipality	859,477	551.94	837,091	522.93	$29.01	5.5%
Village of Ashcroft	347,677	225.80	321,595	206.01	$19.79	9.6%
Village of Cache Creek	268,136	173.75	268,459	171.73	$2.02	1.2%
Village of Chase	455,476	299.85	452,406	292.84	$7.00	2.4%
Village of Clinton	224,094	156.22	213,769	146.58	$9.64	6.6%
Village of Lytton	159,994	103.68	110,915	71.10	$32.58	45.8%

	2025		2024		Overall	
Municipalities	**Average Home Value**	**Average Yearly Tax**	**Average Home Value**	**Average Yearly Tax**	**Average Home Value**	**Average Yearly Tax**
Electoral Area A	292,062	314.92	284,639	321.44	($6.52)	-2.0%
Electoral Area B	227,559	256.67	216,417	248.08	$8.59	3.5%
Electoral Area E	445,689	348.72	428,448	363.92	($15.20)	-4.2%
Electoral Area I	285,680	231.23	281,663	245.36	($14.13)	-5.8%
Electoral Area J	584,892	589.07	560,366	588.27	$0.80	0.1%
Electoral Area L	611,420	510.26	572,443	502.72	$7.54	1.5%
Electoral Area M	545,503	543.46	546,892	569.97	($26.52)	-4.7%
Electoral Area N	559,249	567.23	567,105	580.95	($13.72)	-2.4%
Electoral Area O	503,961	463.36	482,073	447.07	$16.29	3.6%
Electoral Area P	621,143	503.89	577,791	490.96	$12.93	2.6%

To view the full Five-Year Financial Plan, visit: **tnrd.ca/financial-reports**

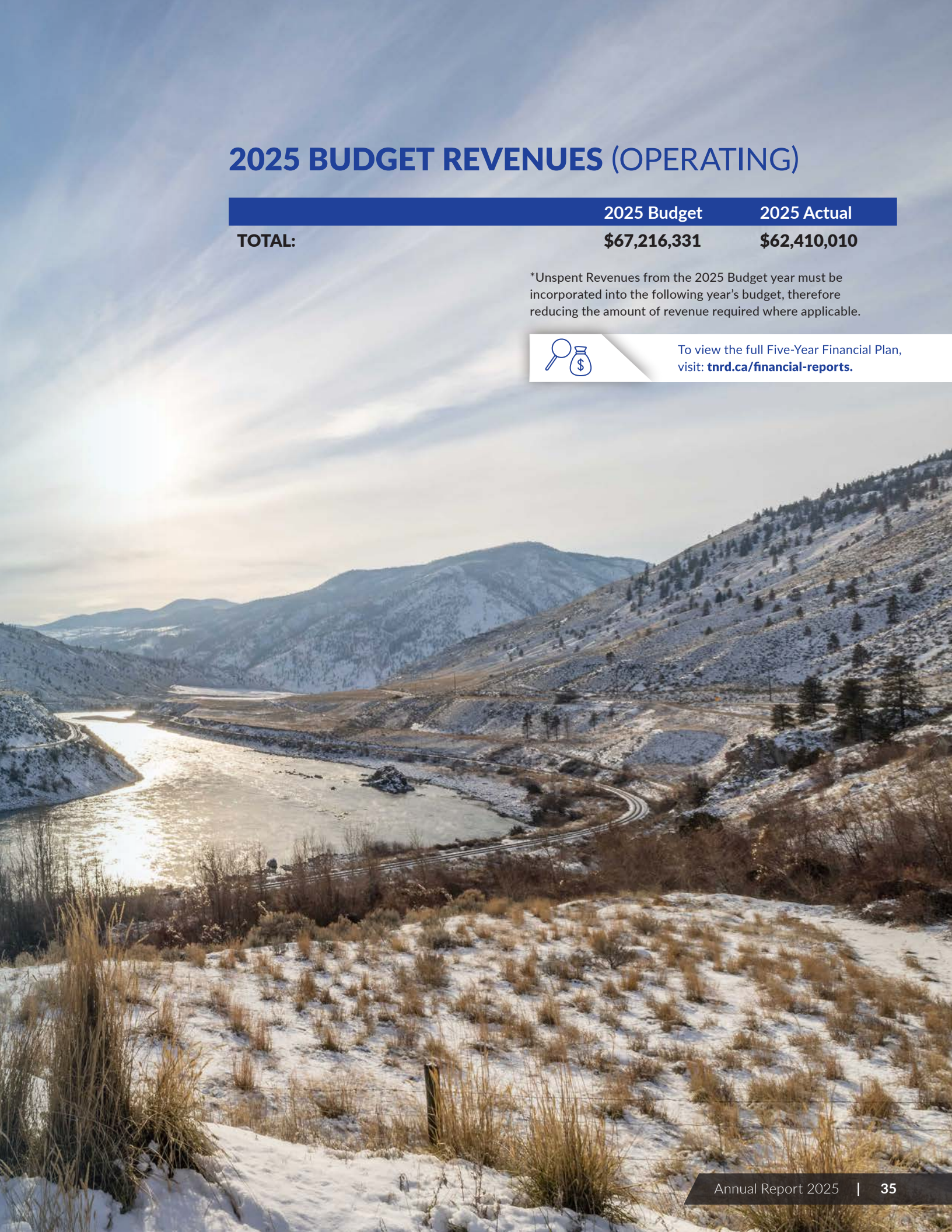


2025 BUDGET REVENUES (OPERATING)

	2025 Budget	2025 Actual
TOTAL:	**$67,216,331**	**$62,410,010**

*Unspent Revenues from the 2025 Budget year must be incorporated into the following year's budget, therefore reducing the amount of revenue required where applicable.

To view the full Five-Year Financial Plan, visit: **tnrd.ca/financial-reports.**



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