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NEWSLETTER

LEARN ABOUT THE 2023 TNRD BUDGET

Each year, the TNRD Board of Directors adopts the Five-Year Financial Plan at its final meeting before March 31. The draft 2023-2027 Financial Plan was reviewed by the Board during a public Committee of the Whole meeting on January 18, 2023. A time-stamped recording of this meeting is available on the TNRD YouTube channel.

The TNRD provides 125 services within 10 Electoral Areas and 11 Member Municipalities. Services are **local** (such as fire protection or water service), **sub-regional** (such as garbage and recycling or invasive plant management), or region-wide (such as public libraries or general administration). Each TNRD service requires its own individual budget, and, in all regional districts, **money cannot be shifted from one service to another**.

Property taxation is one of the main revenue sources to pay for TNRD operating costs. Capital costs are mainly funded through federal and provincial grants, with property taxation funding a much smaller portion.

Properties only pay taxes for each of the services that they receive. As a result, the level of taxation for TNRD services varies between properties in Electoral Areas, and properties in Member Municipalities compared to those in Electoral Areas. Generally speaking, the TNRD provides a greater number of services in Electoral Areas compared to Member Municipalities.

In 2023, TNRD operating expenditures have increased by approximately 6.5%, in large part due to an increase in services and cost increases due to inflation. TNRD capital expenditures have dropped by approximately 1.2%, due to planned capital expenditures being slightly lower than in 2022.

Regardless of whether BC Assessment values increase or decrease, **assessed values of properties do not impact how much taxation that local governments collect each year.** Changes to assessed values may change how much of the overall tax requisition that a property owner will pay, but they do not change the amount of the total tax requisition. (E.g., if your property's assessed value goes up by 20%, but the average assessed value across the entire regional district goes up by 12%, then you will pay a higher proportion of taxes).

To learn more about the 2023-2027 Financial Plan and how your property is impacted, visit: tnrd.ca/budget2023.



RECYCLE BC HAS EXPANDED ITS LIST OF ACCEPTED MATERIALS!

At TNRD Eco-Depots and Transfer Stations, you can now recycle:

- foam plates, bowls and cups;
- plastic sandwich bags, freezer bags and vacuum seal bags;
- plastic gift bags and gift boxes, plastic bubble wrap, and more.

If you have curbside recycling, you can recycle:

- coated paper plates, bowls and cups;
- plastic straws, stir sticks and utensils;
- plastic plant pots;
- plastic disposable hangers;
- thin metal tins, and more.



Please continue to rinse containers and soft plastics before recycling. To find out what you can recycle, visit: tnrd.ca/what-goes-where. You can also contact recycleright@tnrd.ca.

UPCOMING MEETINGS:

Unless otherwise noted, all meetings take place in the TNRD Boardroom at 465 Victoria St., Kamloops BC. You can participate in all TNRD board and committee meetings in-person or online. Meeting information is subject to change. Visit tnrd.ca/meetings for the most up to date information.

Utility Systems Committee
March 29, 2023: 1:30 pm

Thompson Regional Hospital District Board Meeting
March 30, 2023: 10 am

Board of Directors Regular Meeting
March 30, 2023: 1:30 pm

Policy and Governance Committee
April 19, 2023: 1:30 pm

Regional Solid Waste Management Committee
April 20, 2023: 10 am

Board of Directors Regular Meeting
April 20, 2023: 1:30 pm

Committee of the Whole
April 21, 2023: 10 am

BE PREPARED FOR POTENTIAL EMERGENCIES

As we approach the spring snowmelt and upcoming wildfire season, it's never too early to consider preparation. Residents should take steps to ensure their preparedness for an emergency event. To learn more, visit: tnrd.ca/beprepared.

The TNRD uses Voyent Alert! to disseminate evacuation orders and other emergency alerts. In order to receive these messages, residents must register for the service. Voyent Alert! is free to use, and residents can now pin an unlimited number of addresses to receive notices. Learn more and register at: tnrd.ca/voyent.

You can also find emergency updates, when applicable, on the TNRD website and Facebook and Twitter pages.

TIME TO THINK FIRESMART

By creating a FireSmart property, you will dramatically increase the resistance of your home and property to damage from wildfire. The best part is, it's surprisingly easy to do.

To help residents effectively reduce their property's risk of wildfire, FireSmart BC recommends creating a 1.5 metre non-combustible zone around your home and any attachments (such as decks). The area between 1.5 and 10 metres away from your home should also be fire-resistant, and free of materials that could easily ignite.

For more resources on how to FireSmart your property, and to download the BC Homeowner's Manual, visit: tnrd.ca/firesmart.

LEARN ABOUT YOUR SERVICES

The TNRD has launched multiple new initiatives to help inform residents about TNRD services that are provided in their community.

As part of the new myTNRD online portal launched in Fall of 2022, the TNRD Services application is available for Electoral Area properties. Simply input your address to view a full list of TNRD services that are provided. Start your search at: maps.tnrd.ca/apps.

The TNRD has recently launched Community webpages for each Electoral Area and Member Municipality. Here, you can find out information about each community and about many TNRD services that are provided. To learn more, visit: tnrd.ca/communities.



YOUR LIBRARY NEWS

The TNRL is thrilled to launch its 2023 **One Book, One Community** reading experience this year. Together, we'll read: *Finding the Mother Tree: Discovering the Wisdom of the Forest*, which is a scientific memoir by Suzanne Simard. A professor of Forest Ecology at UBC, Simard grew up in a North Thompson logging family and has long been a resident of the Kamloops area.

Borrow your copy of *Finding the Mother Tree* at any library branch or on tnrl.ca. Spring 2023 programs for **One Book, One Community** will include book discussions, in-person readings with the author and more.

LIBRARY DAYS OF OPERATION:

Logan Lake: Tuesday – Saturday

Merritt: Tuesday – Saturday

For all TNRL locations, hours and Mobile Library stops, visit: www.tnrl.ca/locations



SMITH PIONEER PARK UPDATE

A significant improvement project continues at Smith Pioneer Park, in the community of Lower Nicola. In 2022, new fall surfacing was added to the playground, new picnic shelters were installed, pickleball lines were added to the tennis courts, and more. Construction of a new bandshell is also expected to take place this spring.

A number of other upgrades will be included as part of Phase 2, including a new basketball court, outdoor fitness equipment, and improvements to the walking path and parking lot.

Stay tuned for more project updates and be sure to go see these upgrades for yourself!



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