Financial Planning Core Services Regional Emergency Services



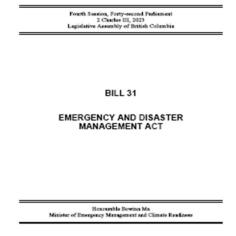
270 Comox Valley Emergency Management Service





Core Service	Regional Emergency Services
Service Name	Service 270 Comox Valley Emergency Management
Service Sub-functions	None
Purpose	To operate and coordinate a regional service in preparation for emergencies and to meet the provincial Emergency & Disaster Management Act and regulations
Direct Participants (Bylaw)	Town of Comox, Village of Cumberland City of Courtenay, Electoral Areas A, B and C
Partner	K'ómoks First Nation
2025 Proposed Changes to Service	









- Severe weather responses and supports
 - Regional Emergency Warming & Cooling Service
 - ❖ EMCR-funded, 21 days, with 9000+ interactions
- Grants supporting regional partners
 - ❖ 2023-2024 \$680,000 (successful)
 - 2025-2026 applications potential up to \$2,100,000
- Regional Training & Joint-exercises
 - establishing regional Training collaboration group & multi-year calendar
 - Successfully leading multi-agency collaboration for Public Safety planning and traffic management for 2024 airshow
- Continuing the great work strengthening agency and community partnerships







Trends, Challenges and Opportunities

- Increased response role and operational complexity
- Strengthening regional collaboration in planning, operations
- Adapting to a new Act, shaping regulations long game
- Co-developing joint exercises 2026 Airshow & wildfire risk.
- Ongoing learning with K'ómoks First Nation to improve equitable emergency management practices and service delivery.





Strategic Priorities and Initiatives Regional Emergency Services

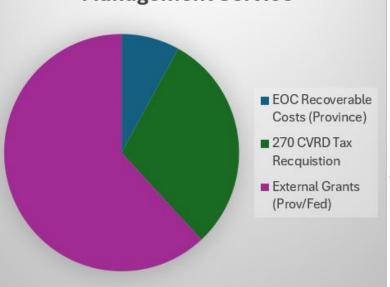
Туре	Initiative	Comment
Board	Regionalize Comox Valley Emergency Program	
	• Establish bylaw amendment to include Comox Valley municipalities to directly participate, support in service recommendation and adjust to Comox Valley Emergency Management.	Completed.
	 Create multi-year regional training calendar for EM and EOC specialized courses. 	Completed. Supports multi-jurisdictional capacity building for local & regional EOCs
Initiative	Regional FireSmart and Wildfire Resilience	Community Resiliency Investment Grant
Initiative	Integrating Indigenous Engagement Requirements (IER) and Emergency & Disaster Management Act	Developing regional recommendations for IER Consultation, Co-operation, Relationship and Agreement building that in collaboration with K'ómoks, facilitated by Sanala.





2025 Projects and Initiatives





Based on 2024, 2025 cost breakdown for 270 is estimated as:

- 65-70% external & recoverable costs
 - regional coordination / delivery of emergency management and disaster risk reduction initiatives incl joint planning, training and exercises with partners and external agencies
 - maintain multijurisdictional emergency operations center (EOC) readiness for public safety and hazard related emergencies
 - Emergency response for local evacuee supports, mutual aid, larger events and provincial deployments
- Tax requisition
 - 270 service administration
 - coordination of externally funded projects and initiatives 65%
 - human resources (daily and 24/7 regional duty staffing)
 - asset management, services and training (not eligible through grants)







Human Resources

	2025	2026	2027- 2029
Opening FTE Balance	3.17	4.17	3.17
Addition Request			
Full time			0.33
Part Time			
Temporary /Casual			
Adjustments	1.00	-1.00	
Total Changes			0.33
Ending FTE Balance	4.17	3.17	3.50

- Term Emergency
 Management Technician
 (20% funded with CRI
 Regional grant).
- 2027 addition of shared branch assistant resources





Expenses

Core Service Regional Emergency Services

Year over Year Change

Expense Category	2024	2025	Increase (D	ecrease)
	Approved Budget	Proposed Budget	(\$)	(%)
Support Services	\$79,432	\$84,094	\$4,662	5.9%
Personnel Costs	396,985	527,730	130,745	32.9%
Grants to Other Orgs	74,000	4,000	(70,000)	(94.6%)
Materials, Supplies & Utilities	661,518	120,190	(541,328)	(81.8%)
Contract & General Services	492,353	36,337	(456,016)	(92.6%)
Minor Capital	46,000	6,000	(40,000)	(87.0%)
Transfer to Other Services	5,339	13,023	7,684	143.9%
Transfer to Reserve	42,353	17,285	(25,068)	(59.2%)
Total Expenses	\$1,797,980	\$808,659	(\$989,321)	(55.0%)

Key Notes

- One-time 2024 Grants funded projects [-\$1.2MM]
- Incremental increase of EM Technician Term [\$74k expense] offset by revenue - 20% funding from CRI FireSmart Grant)
- Increased training and development [+40k]
- Increased professional fees [+\$20k]





Funding Sources

Year over Year Change

Revenue Category	2024 Approved Budget	2025 Proposed Budget	Increase (Decrease) (\$) (%)	
Taxation	\$585,524	\$782,070	\$196,546	33.6%
Government Grants	1,204,374	19,000	(1,185,374)	(98.4%)
Recoveries from Other Function	8,082	7,589	(493)	(6.1%)
Total Revenue	\$1,797,980	\$808,659	(\$989,321)	55.0%

Key Notes

- Potential for more grants to support advancements in operations (\$2.1M 2025-2026)
- increases to support continuing multi-year regional training development and delivery





Funding Sources



Requistion Budget	2024 Actual	2025 PB	2026 FP	2027 FP	2028 FP	2029 FP
Electoral Areas						
Area A	88,378	115,283	122,542	133,053	140,362	122,565
Area B	65,751	87,353	92,854	100,818	106,357	92,871
Area C	81,976	108,115	114,923	124,780	131,635	114,944
Municipal Members						
Comox	101,348	137,335	145,983	158,504	167,211	146,010
Courtenay	216,253	291,042	309,369	335,904	354,357	309,426
Cumberland	31,819	42,943	45,647	49,562	52,285	45,655
	\$585,524	\$782,070	\$831,319	\$902,622	\$952,206	\$831,472
Change from Previous year		\$196,546	\$49,249	\$71,303	\$49,584	(\$120,734)
Residential Tax Rate Estimat (per \$1,000 of assessed value)	e 0.0189	0.0246	0.0261	0.0284	0.0299	0.0261





Operating Budget: 2026-2029 Projections 2026-2029

Category	2026	2027	2028	2029
Taxation	\$831,319	\$902,621	\$952,207	\$831,471
Recoveries from Other Functions	8,082	8,082	8,082	8,082
Total Revenue	\$839,401	\$910,703	\$960,289	\$839,553
Support Services	\$84,094	\$84,094	\$84,094	\$84,094
Personnel Costs	447,277	461,545	476,293	491,526
Grants to Other Organizations	4,000	4,000	4,000	4,000
Materials, Supplies, Utilities	119,695	119,700	97,665	97,666
Contract & General Service	40,439	100,046	160,655	50,250
Transfer to Reserve	134,888	137,606	133,892	108,519
Transfer to Other Services	3,008	2,712	2,690	2,498
Minor Capital	6,000	1,000	1,000	1,000
Total Expenses	\$839,401	\$910,703	\$960,289	\$839,553



270 Comox Valley Emergency Management 2025-2034 Capital Planning







Asset Management Update











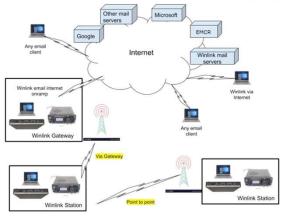




2025-2029 Capital Plan

	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029
Vehicle Capital Purchase	\$60,000	-	-	-	-
DisasterNet Emergency Radio province-wide gateway Partner	17,000				
CVEM Emergency Radio Communications Repeater Upgrades	7,500				









Future Expenditure Reserve (270) Projected Balances

	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029
Opening Balance	\$186,865	\$127,150	\$262,038	\$399,644	\$533,536
Add: Contributions to Reserve	17,285	134,888	137,606	133,892	108,519
Less: Transfers from Reserve	77,000	-	-	-	-
Ending Balance	\$127,150	\$262,038	\$399,644	\$533,536	\$642,055





Summary

Fiscal Responsibility



Environmental Stewardship & Protection

Climate Crisis &

Community Partnerships

Indigenous Relations



Accessibility, Diversity, Equity & Inclusion



Actively securing grants to fund regional priorities and initiatives.

Strengthening partner collaborations to enhance costefficiency and business continuity in emergencies.

Complying with the Emergency Disaster and Management Act by applying an allhazard, all-of-society approach to climate adaptation and disaster risk reduction centering people, places, culture and environment.

Proven, trust-based partnerships with service partners, providers and regional, provincial, and federal agencies, driving operational readiness, emergency preparedness and disaster resilience.

Supporting the establishment of best practices for cross-jurisdictional collaboration and culturally safe engagement with K'ómoks First Nation and Indigenous partners.

Integrating psychological safety, mental health, and prioritizing diversity, equity, and inclusion into regional training, procedures, and guidelines as standard practice, both daily and during emergencies.





Options and Recommendation

That the proposed 2025-2029 financial plan for the Service 270 Comox Valley Emergency Management be approved.

