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Regional District of Fraser-Fort George Highlights of 2011 Budget

The Regional District of Fraser-Fort George Board of Directors have approved the 2011 Operating Budget and Five Year Financial Plan.

The Regional District of Fraser-Fort George provides 86 services to residents of its seven electoral areas and to the City of Prince George, District of Mackenzie, Village of Valemount and Village of McBride. Operating expenditures for the Regional District in 2011 will total \$28 million, \$1 million less than the 2010 budget as a result of a one-time capital project included in 2010 budget. Of the \$28 million, \$16.1 million will be funded through property taxation, which is relatively consistent with 2010 levels.

Significant 2011 budgeted expenditures for services provided by the Regional District of Fraser-Fort George include Solid Waste Management (\$8.6 million); 9-1-1 Emergency Response Services (\$4 million); Protective Services (\$3.6 million) and Recreation Services (\$2.6 million)

Regional District Chairman Art Kaehn says the 2011 budget reflects a desire to keep cost stable while maintaining services. "We are pleased to be able to present a budget that keeps expenditures in line with 2010. It's always a delicate balance between meeting the needs of residents the region while keeping taxation manageable."

Kaehn notes the Regional District budget affects communities in the region differently, depending on variables such as services provided to that area and changes in property assessments. For example, Regional District taxes for an average home in Prince George decreased slightly from \$147.59 in 2010 to \$146.20 in 2011. In Valemount, the taxes decreased almost \$20 for an average home from \$477.70 in 2010 to \$457.80 in 2011.

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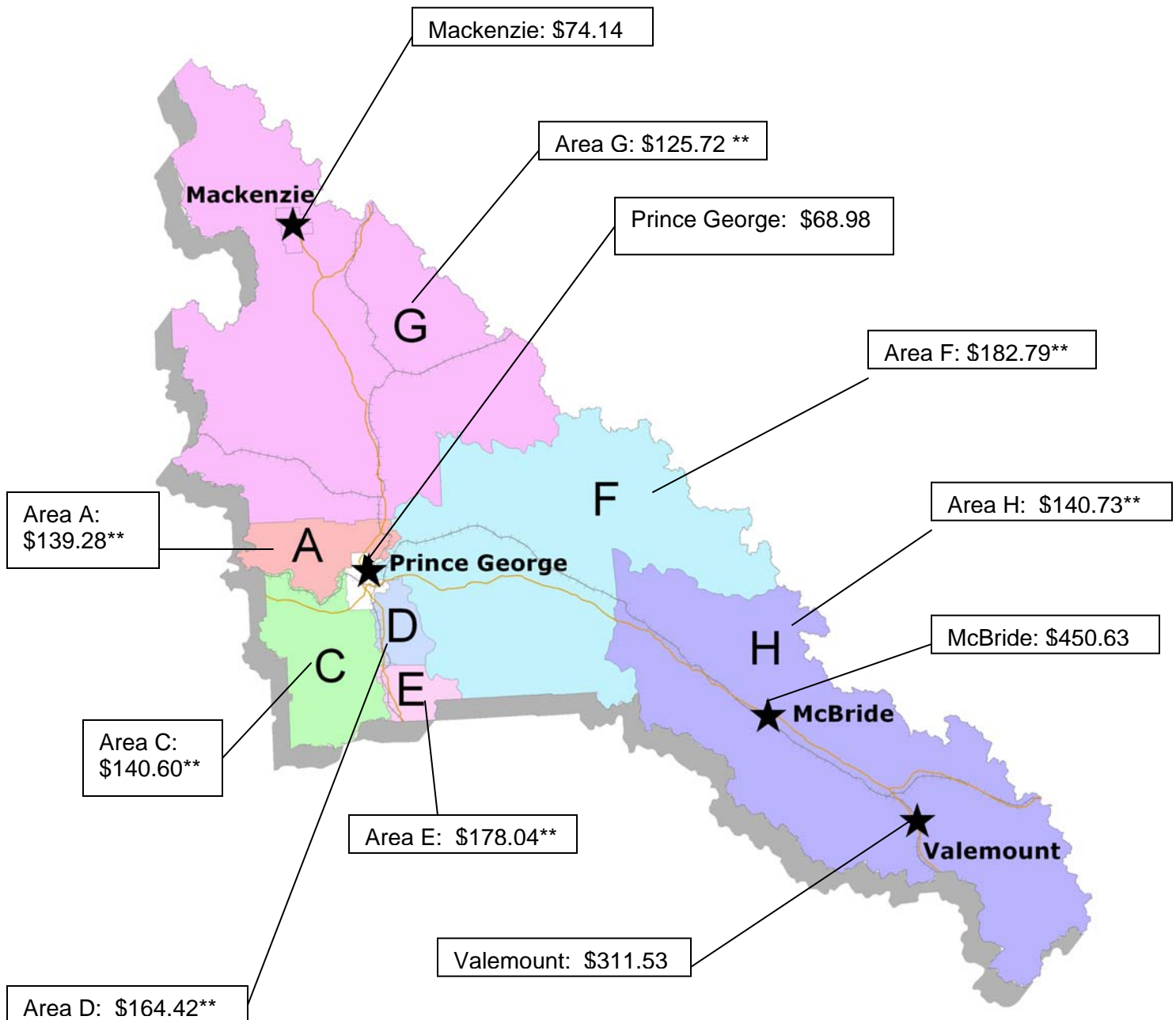
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***See attached for a summary of the 2011 Budget for the Regional District of Fraser-Fort George*



REGIONAL DISTRICT of Fraser-Fort George

Taxes Per \$100,000 Residential Assessment – 2011*



* total rates will vary for each participant depending on the services they participate in and approved budget increases or decreases for each of those services. Changes to assessment values also impact the share of the taxation for a service picked up by the various participants in the service.

** For electoral areas, amount shown includes services paid for by whole area, does not include local area services that are only part of an electoral area.

BUDGET SUMMARY

REGIONAL DISTRICT OF FRASER - FORT GEORGE 2011 PROVISIONAL BUDGET

	EXPENDITURE	REQUISITION LEVY	ANTICIPATED SURPLUS	PARCEL TAXES	OTHER REVENUE
PART 1 - GENERAL GOVERNMENT SERVICES:					
REGIONAL DISTRICT BOARD	\$ 313,570	\$ 241,470	\$ 42,300	-	\$ 29,800
BEAR LAKE COMMUNITY COMMISSION	80,290	55,660	12,790	-	11,840
ADMINISTRATION	3,279,520	1,892,070	390,520	-	996,930
COMMUNITY SERVICES	458,010	366,810	41,000	-	50,200
ELECTORAL AREA ADMINISTRATION	249,580	77,870	34,770	-	136,940
GRANTS-IN-AID - REGIONAL	574,500	532,560	41,940	-	-
COMMUNITY GRANTS-IN-AID	684,590	624,310	60,280	-	-
	5,640,060	3,790,750	623,600	-	1,225,710

PART 2 - PROTECTIVE SERVICES:

UNSIGHTLY AND UNTIDY PREMISES	118,000	98,070	19,830	-	100
BEAR LAKE FIRE PROTECTION	212,010	76,060	35,950	-	100,000
BUCKHORN FIRE PROTECTION	195,980	164,160	12,460	-	19,360
PINEVIEW FIRE PROTECTION	265,950	200,000	65,350	-	600
VALEMOUNT & DISTRICT FIRE PROTECTION	199,770	160,490	34,510	-	4,770
BEAVERLY FIRE PROTECTION	324,060	280,000	44,060	-	-
MCBRIDE DISTRICT FIRE PROTECTION	210,140	151,000	30,760	-	28,380
FERNDAL/TAHOR FIRE PROTECTION	171,660	169,000	2,660	-	-
HIXON FIRE PROTECTION	125,000	115,000	-	-	10,000
SALMON VALLEY FIRE PROTECTION	228,250	118,740	89,510	-	20,000
NESS LAKE FIRE PROTECTION	165,350	142,000	23,350	-	-
RED ROCK FIRE PROTECTION	326,930	113,570	67,100	-	146,260
SHELL-GLEN FIRE/RESCUE PROTECTION	201,430	149,150	38,420	13,860	-
PILOT MOUNTAIN FIRE PROTECTION	175,660	169,660	6,000	-	-
FIRE DEPART. COORDINATION SERVICE	118,360	100,000	13,260	-	5,100
EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS SERVICE	155,960	108,260	47,500	-	200
INSPECTION SERVICES	437,760	226,700	55,460	-	155,600
	3,632,270	2,541,860	586,180	13,860	490,370

PART 3 - TRANSPORTATION SERVICES:

BEAR LAKE STREET LIGHTING	12,010	11,000	760	-	250
HIXON STREET LIGHTING	6,650	6,230	80	-	340
PINEVIEW STREET LIGHTING	17,500	16,360	390	-	750
RED ROCK STREET LIGHTING	2,350	700	1,300	-	350
BUCKHORN STREET LIGHTING	2,490	750	1,390	-	350
WILLOW RIVER STREET LIGHTING	8,040	6,890	650	-	500
SHELLEY STREET LIGHTING	4,920	4,340	580	-	-
MCLEOD LAKE STREET LIGHTING	5,900	5,750	150	-	-
SYMS ROAD STREET LIGHTING	1,320	-	540	780	-
	61,180	52,020	5,840	780	2,540

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PART 4 - ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH:					
SPECIAL EVENTS REGULATION	6,200	3,420	2,580	-	200
SEWAGE SERVICE-HOLDING TANKS	10,010	10,000	-	-	10
SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT	8,569,540	3,140,470	-	-	5,429,070
RURAL TRANSFER STATION SERVICE	475,880	346,520	11,040	-	118,320
SHELLEY RIVERBANK EROSION PROTECTION	5,070	-	-	5,070	-
BEAR LAKE WATER SYSTEM	61,070	-	730	14,160	46,180
BLACKBURN WATER SYSTEM	9,600	-	-	-	9,600
AZU WATER SYSTEM	43,310	-	710	2,600	40,000
TABOR LAKE SEWER	40,660	-	710	27,050	12,900
BUCKHORN COMMUNITY SEWER SYSTEM	33,330	-	790	23,120	9,420
BENDIXON RD COMMUNITY SEWER SYSTEM	27,230	-	1,870	16,690	8,670
WEST LAKE COMMUNITY SEWER SYSTEM	28,140	-	390	19,000	8,750
ADAMS RD COMMUNITY SEWER SERVICE	6,500	-	-	-	6,500
TALLUS RD COMMUNITY SEWER SERVICE	5,350	-	-	-	5,350
	9,321,890	3,500,410	18,820	107,690	5,694,970
PART 5 - PUBLIC HEALTH AND WELFARE:					
CHILAKO/NECHAKO RESCUE SERVICE	80,510	78,180	2,330	-	-
AREA D RESCUE SERVICE	221,910	142,660	79,250	-	-
9-1-1 EMERGENCY RESPONSE SERVICE	4,021,600	2,153,540	435,450	-	1,432,610
VALEMOUNT & DISTRICT RESCUE SERVICE	100,640	77,560	23,080	-	-
BEAR LAKE CEMETERY	4,400	4,400	-	-	-
BEAR LAKE AMBULANCE STATION	24,910	-	1,100	-	23,810
	4,453,970	2,456,340	541,210	-	1,456,420
PART 6 - ENVIRONMENTAL DEVELOPMENT:					
NOISE CONTROL	3,020	-	3,000	-	20
REGIONAL LAND USE PLANNING	491,530	410,430	30,800	-	50,300
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT	237,410	-	112,410	-	125,000
HOUSE NUMBERING	39,000	21,470	7,500	-	10,030
	770,960	431,900	153,710	-	185,350
PART 7 - RECREATION AND CULTURAL SERVICES:					
REGIONAL PARKS OPERATION	440,100	419,810	20,090	-	200
AREA H ARENAS	331,080	320,480	2,560	-	8,040
ROBSON VALLEY RECREATION CENTRE	576,050	305,900	54,300	-	215,850
NUKKO LAKE COMMUNITY HALL	21,690	9,690	12,000	-	-
SINCLAIR MILLS COMMUNITY HALL	23,800	13,890	9,610	-	300
BEAR LAKE RECREATION FACILITIES	26,500	25,000	1,500	-	-
CANOE VALLEY RECREATION CENTRE	470,880	278,920	-	-	191,960
REID LAKE COMMUNITY HALL	9,020	5,220	3,800	-	-
TETE JAUNE COMMUNITY HALL	14,600	10,000	4,600	-	-
DOMO CREEK RECREATION FACILITY	18,200	7,200	11,000	-	-
LIBRARY SERVICES - ROBSON VALLEY/CANOE	229,170	223,470	5,700	-	-
LIBRARY SERVICES - GREATER P.G./MACKENZIE	230,230	228,780	1,250	-	200
ROBSON VALLEY TV REBROADCASTING	73,790	48,780	1,150	-	23,860
VALEMOUNT & DISTRICT TV REBROADCASTING	75,000	67,250	1,700	-	6,050
RECREATION	90,870	69,900	20,970	-	-
	2,630,980	2,034,290	150,230	-	446,460

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	EXPENDITURE	REQUISITION LEVY	ANTICIPATED SURPLUS	PARCEL TAXES	OTHER REVENUE
<u>PART 8 - FISCAL SERVICES:</u>					
DEBT CHARGES - MEMBER MUNICIPALITIES	12,919,330	-	-	-	12,919,330
	12,919,330	-	-	-	12,919,330
<u>PART 9 - OTHER SERVICES:</u>					
HERITAGE CONSERVATION	1,430,780	1,355,000	74,780	-	1,000
FEASIBILITY STUDIES	30,000	-	-	-	30,000
DOME CREEK/CRESCENT SPUR TELEPHONE	100		100	-	-
CHERYL ROAD NATURAL GAS				-	-
	1,460,880	1,355,000	74,880	-	31,000
TOTAL BEFORE MUNICIPAL DEBT	\$ 27,972,190	\$ 16,162,570	\$ 2,154,470	\$ 122,330	\$ 9,532,820
TOTAL INCLUDING MUNICIPAL DEBT	\$ 40,891,520	\$ 16,162,570	\$ 2,154,470	\$ 122,330	\$ 22,452,150