

2026-2030
Financial Planning
Core Services
Regional Emergency Services

265 Comox Valley Search
and Rescue Service





Core Service

Regional Emergency Services

Core Service	Regional Emergency Services
Service Name	Comox Valley Search and Rescue Services (equipment/teams)
Service Sub-functions	None
Purpose	To make grants-in-aid for the search and rescue coordination and assist in the acquisition of equipment required to carry out search and rescue work within the participating areas
Participants	Comox, Courtenay, Cumberland, Electoral Areas A, B and C
2026 Proposed Changes to Service	None





Trends, Challenges & Opportunities

- Renovating CVGSAR building
- Continued reliance on volunteers
- Strong volunteer groups that promote a culture of safety and belonging





Strategic Priorities and Initiatives

Type	Description	Comment
Board	CV Ground Search and Rescue Support <ul style="list-style-type: none">Partner with CVGSAR on land acquisition and/or permanent building feasibility	Complete - Building acquisition completed in Sept 2025 with \$400,000 of CVRD support.



Expenses

Year over Year Change

Expense Category	2025 Approved Budget	2026 Proposed Budget	Increase (Decrease)	
			(\$)	(%)
Support Services	\$1,666	\$3,480	\$1,814	108.9%
Grants to Other Orgs	579,680	185,170	(394,510)	(68.1%)
Contract & General Services	480	499	19	4.0%
Transfer to Reserve	207,142	201,851	(5,291)	(2.6%)
Total Expenses	\$788,968	\$391,000	(\$397,968)	(50.4%)

Key Notes

- 2025 Grant for CVGSR new facility [-400.0K]



Municipal Partners and Grants to Other Organizations

Year over Year Change

Expense Category	2025 Approved Budget	2026 Proposed Budget	Increase (Decrease)	
			(\$)	(%)
Comox Rescue 36	\$20,000	\$20,600	\$600	3.0%
Cumberland Fire Rescue #8	13,970	15,660	1,690	12.1%
Cumberland Fire Rescue Vehicle #4	24,510	26,710	2,200	9.0%
CV Ground Search and Rescue	50,000	50,000	-	-
CV Marine Rescue Society	25,000	25,000	-	-
Lighthouse Country Marine Rescue Society	3,000	3,000	-	-
Merville 48 Rescue Unit	18,900	19,400	500	2.6%
Mid-Island Air Search and Rescue	2,400	2,400	-	-
Rescue 71 Courtenay	21,900	22,400	500	2.3%
Total	\$179,680	\$185,170	\$5,490	3.1%



Revenue

Year over Year Change

Revenue Category	2025 Approved Budget	2026 Proposed Budget	Increase (Decrease)	
			(\$)	(%)
Taxation	\$382,685	\$391,000	\$8,315	2.2%
Transfers from Reserve	400,000	-	(400,000)	(100.0%)
Prior Year Surplus	6,283	-	(6,283)	(100.0%)
Total Revenue	\$788,968	\$391,000	(\$397,968)	(50.4%)

Key Notes

- 2025 Reserve draw - CVGSAR grant for new facility [-\$400K]



Funding Sources

Tax Requisition

Requisition Budget	2025 Actual	2026 PB	2027 FP	2028 FP	2029 FP	2030 FP
Electoral Areas						
Area A	56,443	57,848	58,440	31,069	31,069	31,069
Area B	42,719	44,154	44,606	23,714	23,714	23,714
Area C	52,895	54,068	54,621	29,039	29,039	29,039
Municipal Members						
Comox	67,227	68,163	68,861	36,609	36,609	36,609
Courtenay	142,374	145,438	146,926	78,113	78,113	78,113
Cumberland	21,026	21,328	21,547	11,455	11,455	11,455
	\$382,685	\$391,000	\$395,000	\$210,000	\$210,000	\$210,000
Change from Previous year		\$8,315	\$4,000	(\$185,000)	\$0	\$0
Residential Tax Rate Estimate (per \$1,000 of assessed value)	0.0120	0.0121	0.0122	0.0065	0.0065	0.0065

Estimates are based on 2026 Completed Roll at Proposed Budget January 2026



Operating Budget: 2027-2030 Projections

Category	2027	2028	2029	2030
Taxation	\$397,000	\$215,000	\$215,000	\$220,000
Total Revenue	\$397,000	\$215,000	\$215,000	\$220,000
Support Services	\$3,615	\$3,749	\$3,891	\$4,039
Grants to Other Organizations	190,708	195,730	201,820	207,691
Contract & General Services	519	540	560	582
Transfer to Reserve	202,161	14,981	8,729	7,688
Total Expenses	\$397,000	\$215,000	\$215,000	\$220,000



Future Expenditure Reserve (265)

Projected Balances

	2026	2027	2028	2029	2030
Opening Balance	\$19,751	\$221,602	\$423,763	\$438,744	\$447,473
Add: Transfers to Reserve	201,851	202,161	14,981	8,729	7,688
Less: Transfers from Reserve	-	-	-	-	-
Ending Balance	\$221,602	\$423,763	\$438,744	\$447,473	\$455,161



Options & Recommendations

That the proposed 2026-2030 financial plan for the Service 230 Comox Valley Search and Rescue be approved.





Questions?



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Comox Valley rescue group buys building it has rented for three decades

Following an exhaustive search for a suitable location, the group ended up buying the Moray Avenue facility it has rented for the past 30 years.



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