



THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF VERNON

MEMORANDUM

TO: Patti Bridal, Chief Administrative Officer **FILE:** 7010-03
PC: Alan Hofsink, Deputy Fire Chief Operations **DATE:** March 29, 2023
FROM: David Lind, Director Fire Rescue Services
SUBJECT: **REGIONAL DISTRICT NORTH OKANAGAN (RDNO) ELECTORAL AREA "B"
FIRE PROTECTION REQUEST**

On March 13, 2023 Council received a letter from Bob Fleming, Director, Electoral Area "B" requesting fire protection for Area "B", on behalf of the RDNO. The letter included maps of the area proposed to received fire protection.

In considering the request, the number of properties, size of the area to protect and fire services response times were considered. There are 43 parcels, 2696.2 acres of land and approximately 60 structures in the area. GIS was used to help estimate response travel time times. It was found that to serve the area from Station 1 or 2 response is estimated to be 24 minutes. The area could be reasonably serviced from Station 3 (Predator Ridge) within a 10-minute response time.

Station 3 does not have full-time staffing and any service provided to the area would need to be provided from Station 1, Station 2 or both. The potential revenue collected from an agreement for providing fire protection in Area "B" would not be adequate to resource full-time staffing for Station 3.

If a service agreement was to be entered into at this point Vernon Fire Rescue Services could not provide timely service. The agreement would not have a positive impact on the residents of Area "B"'s Fire Underwriters Survey (FUS) rating. And providing service would deplete resources needed to service the City of Vernon. Other service agreements work when location, size and density are such that service can be provided effectively at a reasonable cost.

Administration recommends not entering into an agreement for fire protection for Area "B" at this time and that Council reconsider the matter once a full-time response has been established at Station 3.

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT Council receive for information the Memorandum titled "Regional District North Okanagan (RDNO) Electoral Area "B" Fire Protection Request", dated March 29, 2023 and respectfully submitted by the Director Fire Rescue Services.

AND FURTHER, that Council respectfully decline the request from the RDNO to provide fire service to Area "B" at this time.

Respectfully submitted:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'D. J. L.', written in a cursive style.

Attachment 1 – Letter – *Regional District North Okanagan Electoral Area "B" Fire Protection Request*

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REGIONAL DISTRICT NORTH OKANAGAN

MEMBER MUNICIPALITIES:

CITY OF ARMSTRONG

CITY OF ENDERBY

DISTRICT OF COLDSTREAM

VILLAGE OF LUMBY

CITY OF VERNON

TOWNSHIP OF SPALLUMCHEEN

ELECTORAL AREAS:

"B" – SWAN LAKE

"C" – BX DISTRICT

"D" – LUMBY (RURAL)

"E" – CHERRYVILLE

"F" – ENDERBY (RURAL)

OFFICE OF: ELECTORAL AREA ADMINISTRATION

OUR FILE No.: 0530.01

March 13, 2023

Mayor and Council
City of Vernon
3000 30th Avenue
Vernon, BC V1T 5E6

Dear Mayor and Council:

Re: RDNO Electoral Area "B" Fire Protection Request

I am following up on previous correspondence we had regarding the potential to have the City of Vernon provide fire protection services to Area "B" properties in the Commonage from Lake Country boundary and including down Bailey Road. I am attaching maps for the proposed service area.

If the City of Vernon agrees to provide the service and prices the service extension, I would then arrange to petition the residents to determine if they are willing to pay for it. If extended, this service would be very much like the service agreements already in place for Kalamalka Lakeview Drive and for IR#6 on Tronson Road. The recent tragic house fire on Commonage Road might spur people living there to be receptive to a fee for service arrangement.

Thank you very much for your attention to this matter. I hope to hear from you at your earliest convenience.

Regards,

Bob Fleming
Director, Electoral Area "B"
B.X./Swan Lake
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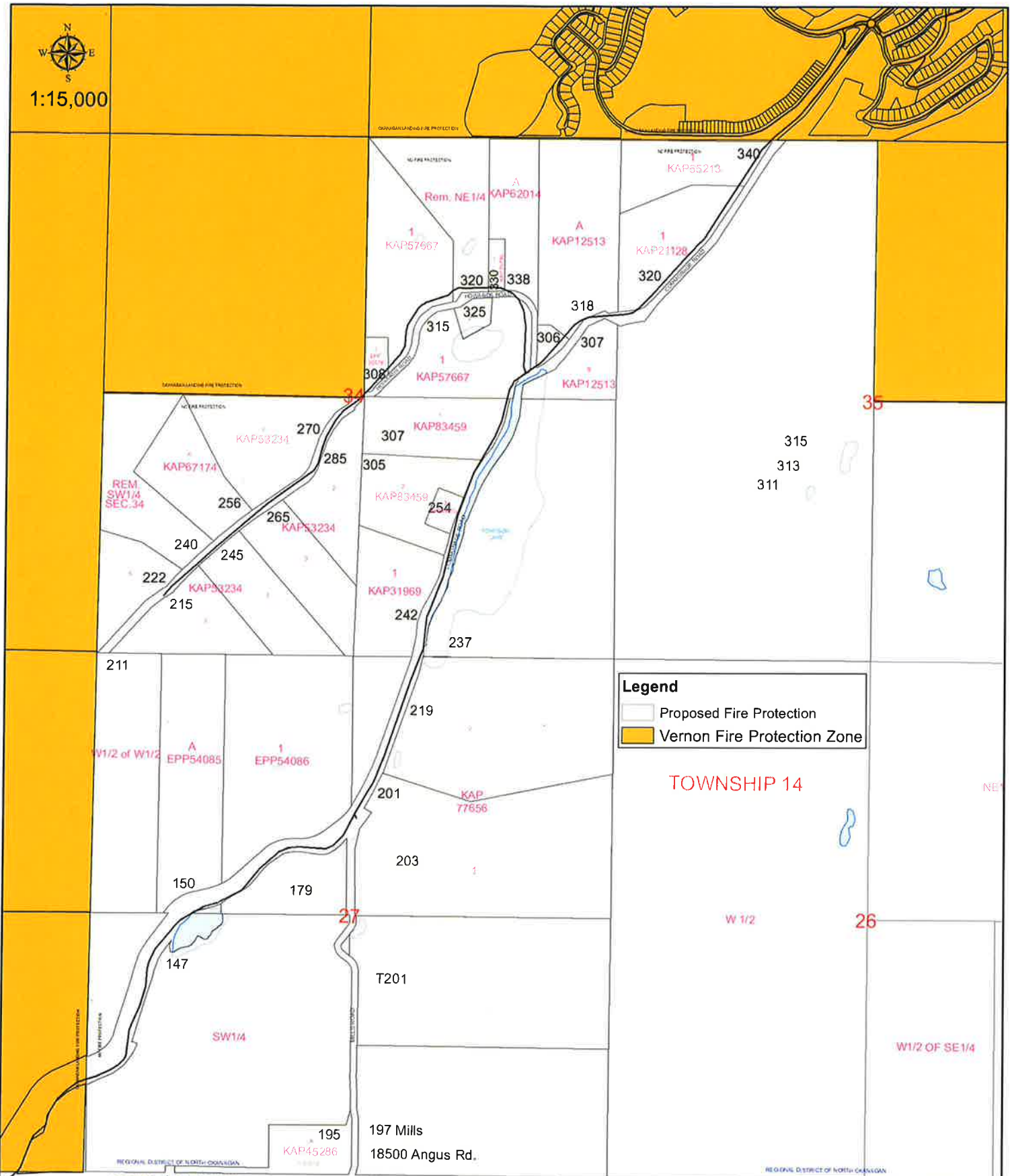
Cc:

Andrew Hunsberger, Manager Rural Services
Alastair Crick, Manager, Protective Services
Ian Wilson, General Manager, Strategic & Community Services

Attachment(s)



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Legend

- Proposed Fire Protection
- Vernon Fire Protection Zone

TOWNSHIP 14

Area B - Howard Rd/Commonage Rd Potential Properties for Fire Protection Services

Monday, March 13, 2023

