



The District of Taylor

Agenda

Regular Council Meeting

to be held in Council Chambers

Located at the District Office at 10007 - 100 A Street

Monday, June 15, 2026 at 5:00 PM

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The District of Taylor recognizes with respect, this traditional territory of Treaty 8. We honour the deep connection to the land and water, where everyone's rights are respected, and opportunities are available for all to thrive.

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- Councillor Turnbull
- Mayor Taillefer

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18. RESOLUTION TO MOVE TO CLOSED MEETING

18.1 As per the *Community Charter* Section 90 (1):

- (b) personal information about an identifiable individual who is being considered for a municipal award or honour, or who has offered to provide a gift to the municipality on condition of anonymity
- (e) the acquisition, disposition or expropriation of land or improvements, if the council considers that disclosure could reasonably be expected to harm the interests of the municipality;
- (g) litigation or potential litigation affecting the municipality;
- (j) information that is prohibited, or information that if it were presented in a document would be prohibited, from disclosure under section 21 of the [Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act](#);
- (n) the consideration of whether a council meeting should be closed under a provision of this subsection or subsection (2);

18.2 Rise with Report

19. ADJOURNMENT



Interim Director of
Corporate Services

Good afternoon Ryan. I am email as a concern and to place a complaint with Source Energy sand truck haulers, contractors.

With their recent move to Taylor it has been nothing but an on going battle between them, us and our neighbours.

We have drivers that are supposed to be professional class 1. There is a speed limit sign stating 30 km. I assume they can read but they continuously speed up and down our road all hours as well as Jake breaks.

We have went directly to the job site, asked over radio to slow down and not use Jake's as they are passing by our houses. We have called and left multiple messages with the phone number on their sign outside the gates, also tried other numbers for head office and get to calls back. We have stopped drivers and even asked how they'd like it if we drove up and down their street.

There are people who work various hours, kids who go to school and people who like to walk or ride bikes. Some who are now taking sleeping medication in order to try and sleep.

None of them care, we were told if we didn't like it we could build a sound barrier wall around our house, move our bedroom or move.

We can't even enjoy our deck or back yard anymore and are super frustrated with the disrespect! They have to slow down entering the gates and all you hear is crash, bang, boom as they're entering onto a gravel/dirt road.

The dirt and even silica sand floats everywhere as some trucks are overloaded.

We have lived in Taylor for many years and raised our children. We didn't like FSJ and figured Taylor was amazing but are starting to not like it anymore and don't want to feel this way.

Can they not enter a different way or build a different road into their facility?

We (me and neighbours) have emailed

Bylaw and never get any response back. Can we perhaps arrange a meeting with council to discuss options and our concerns. Someone has to be able to help achieve a goal so we can all get back to life. Thank you!

Colleen and Brad Akers



Correspondence List – June 15, 2026

1. Federal and Provincial Government
 - FIFA World Cup Communication
 - Liquor Policy Change to Allow Private Retailers to sell directly to Purchasers
2. General
 - Letter of Warning to Municipalities about False Independence, Special Advisors from a Free Lance Journalist

District of Taylor Council Meeting

Date: June 1, 2026

Attending: Lianne Clark, homeowner

Residence: 9801 E 98th Ave Taylor BC

Cross streets: E 98th Ave and Spruce St N

Concern: Accumulation of gravel/sand/rock/road debris at the corner and along the boulevard running parallel to residence. Deposited by the District's Road Maintenance as a snow storage site for the intersection and surrounding area.

2026-04-09: Telephone communication with District of Taylor Office

Homeowner Lianne Clark called the District of Taylor main office regarding the concern. The District of Taylor staff member was very helpful and advised the boulevard/loose gravel is the homeowner's responsibility and also offered suggestions such as; rent a power broom/lawn scrubber to remove the gravel/sand/rock/debris ourselves or hire a contractor to do the same, noting that there may be local options. The corner/boulevard is bigger than an average lawn. This cost is an added expense for us each year because our property runs parallel to the District's snow storage site for the intersection.

2026-04-26 to 2026-05-05: Email Correspondence between Homeowner Kyle Pearson and Mr. Ryan Nelson, Director of Operations and Approving Officer

Homeowner Kyle Pearson explained the situation in detail. Mr. Nelson replied (1) advising he had assessed the area and deemed it within homeowner responsibility/provided the District of Taylor policy. The policy states *keeping the boulevard free of loose materials (such as aggregate gravels and sand)*. The policy does not include piles or piles of gravel/sand/rock/debris of an intersection snow storage area. Further guidance by Mr. Nelson (2) suggested that we present our concern before Mayor and Council. Ref: Email attached.

Map: The map shows the challenge with the location as a corner/boulevard. It is the only location(s) where the majority of snow can be safely relocated/stored. The snow cannot block the hydrant, cannot overrun the sidewalks and would not be deposited in the park. The corner/boulevard, that we are responsible for, is the intersection's shared snow storage location. And, the boulevard is storage for excess accumulation from the corner. When the snow is at the height of the yield sign, it is relocated along the boulevard with gravel/sand/rock/debris. It is a shared intersection storage location however removal of the gravel/sand/rock/debris is not a shared responsibility. Following District policy, the intersection's gravel/sand/rock/debris removal falls to us and we do not agree.

Ref: Google Map of the location showing corner, boulevard, sidewalk, hydrant, park.

Green: Corner/boulevard location

Yellow: Boulevard length as compared to the Spruce Manor Apartments

Red circle: Hydrant

Blue: Sidewalks

Pink (within the green corner area): Partially raked gravel location

Pictures Snow/Gravel/Rock/Sand/Landscape: The pictures show the snow/gravel/sand/rock accumulation/landscape impact and our attempt to remove it from the corner only. We did not continue along the boulevard. It took approx 3 hrs to rake out/pail/deposit into a pile with considerable accumulation left on the corner. We did not continue along the boulevard.

Picture: Snow/Gravel/Sand/Rock Accumulation-January 10 and 14, 2026

Picture: Snow/Gravel/Sand/Rock Accumulation-March 28 and April 2, 2026

Picture: Gravel/Sand/Rock Accumulation (Corner only) May 9, 2026

Picture: Gravel/Sand/Rock Accumulation (19L Pail) May 9, 2026

Picture: Gravel/Sand/Rock Accumulation (Removal and Landscape Impact) May 9, 2026

Picture: Gravel/Sand/Rock Accumulation (Along the Boulevard # 1) May 9, 2026

Picture: Gravel/Sand/Rock Accumulation (Along the Boulevard # 2) May 9, 2026

Homeowner Responsibility: We take our responsibility as homeowners seriously. We regularly walk the boulevard picking up garbage such as; empty cans/small alcohol bottles, plastic bags, fast food cartons, candy wrappers. We stop at dog debris and other things sometimes found at the far end. We upgraded our lawn equipment to include a new lawnmower and trimmer to care for our fenced lawn and the District of Taylor's boulevard. We use a considerable amount of thick 'n' quick lawn seed to bring the corner/boulevard back to life in the spring. Further, we are making upgrades to our home to include; removal of broken front fencing, exterior painting, corner eave repair, revamped deck. We did all of this work ourselves as responsible homeowners. Ref: Picture: Before and After Photos (4)

Recent Relevant District of Taylor Meeting Comments:

April 20, 2026 Regular Council Meeting-Part 2. Councillor Murray Giesbrecht

Time Stamp approx 1:18: Mr. Giesbrecht commented-*So much snow this year. We agree and our observation/pictures show considerable snow accumulation. Considerable snowfall would follow with considerable snow removal. Considerable snow removal includes removal of gravel/sand/rock/debris. As deposited on the corner/boulevard.*

April 20, 2026 Committee of the Whole Meeting. Mayor Brent Taillefer

Time Stamp approx 16:03: Mayor Taillefer commented-*Good to see the sweeper out... rock out there, for sure. We agree and our observation/pictures show considerable gravel/sand/rock. As deposited on the corner/boulevard.*

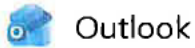
District of Taylor Street Sweeper: We have observed and appreciate the District of Taylor's efforts to remove gravel/sand/rock from the streets. The continued operation of the District's street sweeper - noted by Mayor Taillefer on April 20, 2026 and still observed in operation on May 11-12, 2026 supports our observation and pictures of considerable gravel/sand/rock use. As deposited on the corner/boulevard. Ref: Pictures (DOT Sweeper) May 11-12, 2026

Request: We respectfully request a review of the matter by Mayor and Council as suggested by Mr. Ryan Nelson, Director of Operations and Approving Officer.

The policy states *keeping the boulevard free of loose materials (such as aggregate gravels and sand)*. The policy does not include pails or piles of gravel/sand/rock/debris of an intersection snow storage area.

Proposal Spring Sand/Rock/Gravel/Debris Removal: We propose the District of Taylor removes the gravel/sand/rock/debris from the corner/boulevard in the spring as the location is the snow storage for the intersection/surrounding area due to the location of sidewalks, park and hydrant. The expectation that the removal gravel/sand/rock/debris from this location is the responsibility of one homeowner because of it's location to the homeowner's property is unreasonable. It was deposited by the District's Road Maintenance as an intersection snow storage area during snow removal services.

Thank you for your consideration.



Fwd: Formal Dispute of Requirement for Homeowner Removal of City-Deposited Road Sand & Gravel

From Kyle Pearson [REDACTED]

Date Tue 2026-05-05 1:07 PM

To Lianne Clark [REDACTED]

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From: **Ryan Nelson** <RNelson@districtoftaylor.com>

Date: Tue, May 5, 2026 at 10:18 AM

Subject: RE: Formal Dispute of Requirement for Homeowner Removal of City-Deposited Road Sand & Gravel

To: Kyle Pearson [REDACTED]

CC: Ryan Galay <rgalay@districtoftaylor.com>, Lisa Ford <lford@districtoftaylor.com>

Hello Mr. Pearson,

As mentioned in my earlier email, if you are not satisfied with our response, you may speak to your matter at an upcoming Regular Council meeting. If so, please reach out to the Corporate Services department to be placed on an upcoming meeting Agenda.

If this is not the route you would like to take, you are welcome to seek independent legal advice that can, in turn, reach out to our Municipal Legal Team.

Regards,

Ryan Nelson

Variance Request on Boulevard Use and Private Development of Operations




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From: Kyle Pearson <[REDACTED]>

Sent: Monday, May 4, 2026 12:04 PM

To: Ryan Nelson <RNelson@districtoftaylor.com>

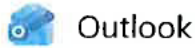
Cc: Desirae Graziano <DGraziano@districtoftaylor.com>; Murray Giesbrecht <MGiesbrecht@districtoftaylor.com>; Michelle Turnbull <MTurnbull@districtoftaylor.com>; Betty Ponto <BPonto@districtoftaylor.com>; Brent Taillefer <BTaillefer@districtoftaylor.com>

Subject: Re: Formal Dispute of Requirement for Homeowner Removal of City-Deposited Road Sand & Gravel

Subject: Response to Boulevard Maintenance Claim – Snow Clearing Aggregate Deposition

To: Ryan Nelson
Department of Operations
District of Taylor

I am writing in response to the District's assertion that I am responsible for the removal of a significant quantity of sand and gravel deposited on the boulevard adjacent to my property as a result of municipal snow-clearing operations.



Fwd: Formal Dispute of Requirement for Homeowner Removal of City-Deposited Road Sand & Gravel

From Kyle Pearson [REDACTED]

Date Mon 2026-05-04 7:36 PM

To Lianne Clark [REDACTED]

2 attachments (224 KB)

10. Boulevard Use and Private Development Infringement Policy.pdf; image002.jpg;

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Date: Mon, May 4, 2026 at 10:36 AM

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To: Kyle Pearson [REDACTED]

CC: Karlene Thompson <kthompson@districtoftaylor.com>, Ryan Galay <rgalay@districtoftaylor.com>

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Regards,



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Sent: Sunday, April 26, 2026 1:11 PM
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[REDACTED] - District of Taylor, BC, Canada

To Ryan Nelson, Mike Brown, Karlene Thompson,

I am writing to formally dispute the direction provided to my wife from someone from the District of Taylor office, in which we were advised that we are required to rent equipment or hire a contractor to remove the large quantity of sand and gravel deposited on the boulevard adjacent to our property.

To be clear, the material in question was placed by municipal snow plowing and winter road maintenance operations, not by the property owner. The volume remaining following snow melt is substantial and is clearly the result of road sanding and snow storage, not routine seasonal residue.

Requiring a homeowner to:

- Rent machinery,
- Hire a contractor, or
- Personally remove and dispose of city-deposited road material

exceeds any reasonable interpretation of homeowner boulevard maintenance obligations and effectively transfers operational cleanup costs from the municipality to a private resident.

In British Columbia, while municipalities may assign limited boulevard or sidewalk maintenance responsibilities to adjacent owners, this authority does not extend to requiring residents to remediate large volumes of material deposited by municipal operations, particularly where removal requires mechanized equipment and off-site disposal. That responsibility remains with the party that deposited the material.

Further, directing residents to perform heavy material removal on municipal road allowance raises safety, liability, and workers' compensation concerns, as well as potential damage to underground infrastructure within the boulevard.

Accordingly, I am requesting the following:

1. Written confirmation of the specific bylaw or policy the District is relying on to require residents to remove city-deposited sand and gravel using rented equipment or hired contractors;

2. Immediate reassessment by Public Works management or Engineering, not front-line staff, of the volume and origin of the material;

3. City-arranged removal of the sand and gravel deposited as part of municipal winter operations;
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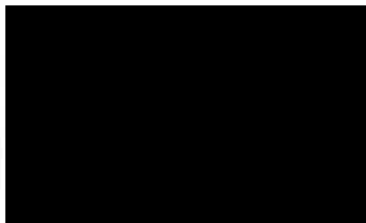
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Please note that this correspondence is intended to formally document the dispute and preserve the record. We are not refusing cooperation; we are objecting to an unreasonable and improper transfer of municipal operational cleanup costs to a private homeowner.

I expect a written response.

Sincerely,

Kyle Pearson



Variance Request on Boulevard Use and Private Development
The policy cited, *Boulevard Use and Private Development Infringement Policy (Policy No. 08-10)* — is being misapplied.

The requirement that an owner “keep the boulevard free of loose materials (such as aggregate gravels and sand)” refers to **routine maintenance** and **minor residual accumulation**. It does not reasonably extend to **extraordinary volumes of aggregate deliberately deposited by municipal equipment** in the course of District operations.

The volume currently present — estimated at approximately half a ton — far exceeds routine sanding and constitutes **debris placement resulting directly from District snow-clearing activity**, not homeowner action or neglect.

Further, the *Purpose* section of the policy explicitly states that boulevards are retained by the District “for the purpose of snow storage.” While snow storage is an accepted operational use, it does not imply or authorize the **permanent deposition of aggregate materials requiring mechanical removal or commercial hauling at a resident’s expense** once snow melt has occurred.

Additionally, the policy clearly acknowledges that **municipal operations carry responsibility for their impacts**, as demonstrated in the section addressing Private Development Infringements, which states that where municipal operations affect approved improvements, repairs are at the expense of the District. The principle is clear: **the District remains responsible for the consequences of its operational activities**.

I did not request, place, or benefit from the material deposited. Requiring a homeowner to remove industrial quantities of aggregate placed by municipal equipment is unreasonable and disproportionate, and does not align with fair administrative practice under BC municipal standards.

Accordingly, I do not accept responsibility for the removal or disposal of this material. I request confirmation of when the District will remove the aggregate and restore the boulevard to a reasonable condition consistent with normal residential maintenance expectations.

Please respond in writing.

Sincerely,
Kyle Thomas Pearson



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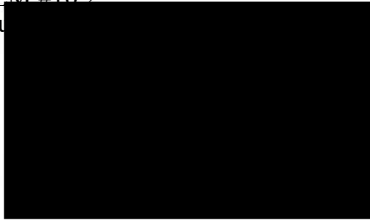
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Boulevard Use and Private Development Infringement Policy

Policy No.: 08-10
Date Adopted: September 11, 2023

Strategic Goals and Priorities:

Select the appropriate strategic goals and priorities:

- Retain small town character with responsible, sustainable growth
- Provide exceptional service and an excellent place to live and work
- Enhance safety and provide a welcoming community with a strong social fabric

Purpose

Boulevards are retained by the District of Taylor for the purpose of snow storage, utility corridors, road allowances for current operations and any future development. The District of Taylor allows to exist non-intrusive private development (such as paths, landscape ties, gardens, plantings, lights, underground sprinklers) for the enhancement to the community or district property, including within boulevards that are adjacent to private property.

Scope

The owner or occupier of a parcel abutting a boulevard must maintain the boulevard by:

- Keeping the boulevard free of brush, invasive plants, litter, loose materials (such as aggregate gravels and sand), refuse and noxious weeds
- Not parking vehicles on the boulevard
- Regularly cutting the grasses on the boulevard
- Keeping any hedges and trees trimmed to prevent visual obstruction or other hazards

Department Responsible: Administration/Operations
Resolution No: 176, 2023

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Private Development Infringement (PDI) Application

Private developments of a non-intrusive nature that are proposed on District property will be considered subject to the completion of a no-charge application that is to be submitted to the Director of Operations to be approved or denied.

Upon the approval, the Director of Operations shall execute an agreement that legally defines the responsibilities and liabilities of the property owner. In the event that municipal operations affect any approved PDI, repairs will be at the expense of the District of Taylor.

Denied Applications

In the event that there is a denied application, Mayor, Council and the CAO will be made aware of the reasons for the denial, either by a staff memo or email.

An application may be denied due to the following reasons:

- Any electrical wiring included in any improvement.
- Any use that impedes the sight lines of vehicle or pedestrian traffic.
- Any use that impedes the operations of the District in regards to snow storage or other operations.
- Any use that is within the vicinity of utility services, such as water, sewer, storm drains, natural gas, street light, electrical or communication ducts.

Pre-existing Private Development Infringements

Any pre-existing PDI may have the ability to come into compliance under this policy by the submission of a completed PDI application form to the Director of Operations for approval. If for any reason the application is denied, the District of Taylor will do what is reasonably appropriate to aid the applicant to have the PDI come into compliance.

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PRIVATE DEVELOPMENT INFRINGEMENT APPLICATION

I/we hereby make application to the District of Taylor to construct private works on District property.

1. Name of Applicant(s)/Property Owner(s) _____

2. Address _____

3. Telephone Number: Business _____ Residence _____

4. Legal Description of Property _____

5. Street Address of Property _____

6. Description of works proposed, including but not limited to the type of work, material to be utilized and listing of planting materials.

7. Attach a sketch plan illustrating the proposed works.

I/we hereby declare that all the above statements and the information contained in the material submitted in support of this application are to the best of my/our belief true and correct in all respects. I/we also confirm that we are cognizant that in making this application must enter into an agreement with the District that we have read and accepted the liabilities and responsibilities contained within in making this application.

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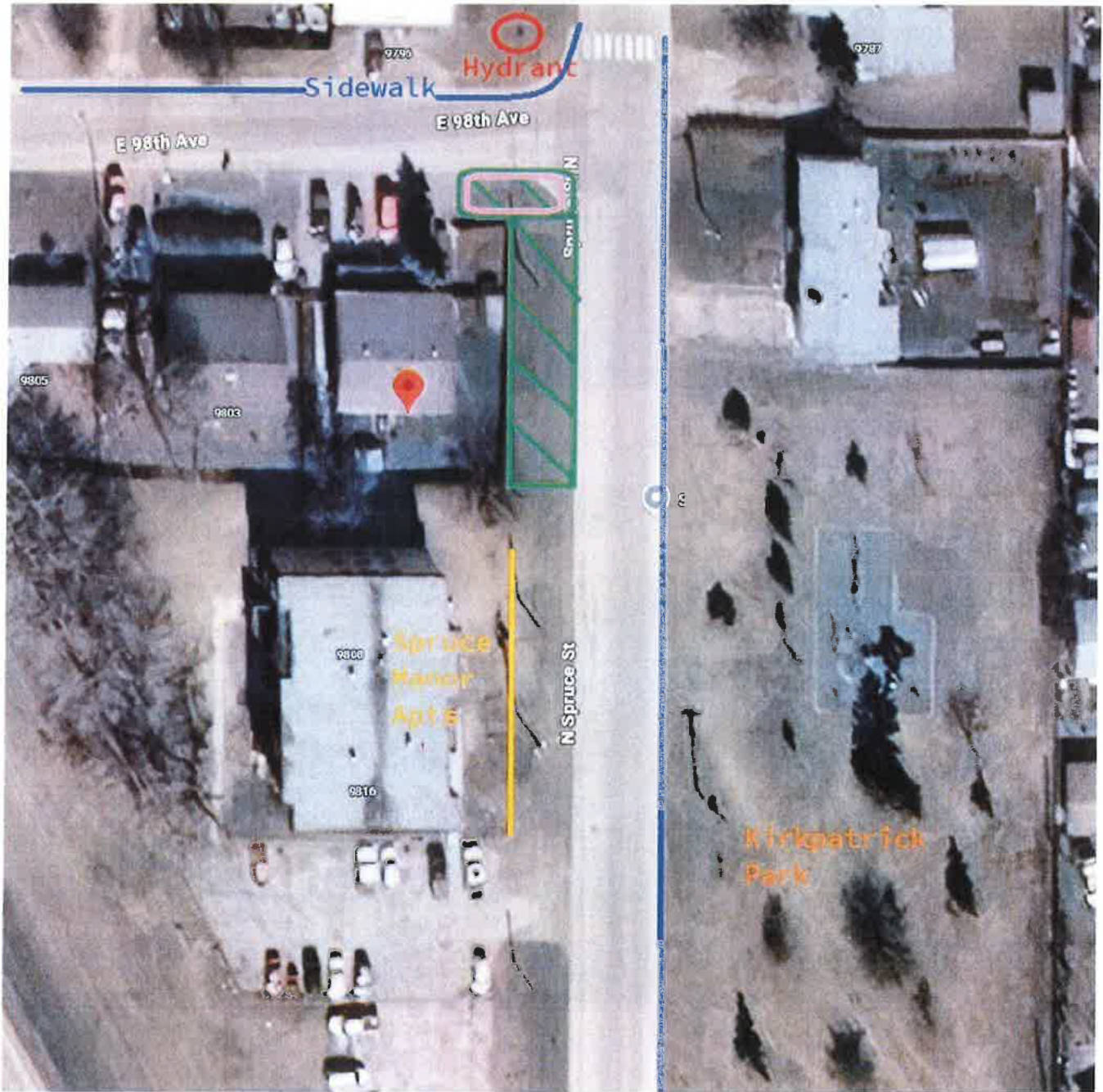
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Signature

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Green: Corner/boulevard location
Yellow: Boulevard length as compared to the Spruce Manor Apartments
Red circle: Hydrant
Blue: Sidewalks
Pink (within the green corner area): Partially raked gravel location



Picture: Snow/Gravel/Sand/Rock Accumulation-January 10 and 14, 2026

January 10, 2026



January 14, 2026



Picture: Snow/Gravel/Sand/Rock Accumulation-March 28 and April 2, 2026

March 28, 2026



April 2, 2026



Picture: Gravel/Sand/Rock Accumulation (Corner only) May 9, 2026



Picture: Gravel/Sand/Rock Accumulation (19L Pail) May 9, 2026



Gravel/Sand/Rock Accumulation
requiring multiple 19L pails



Picture: Gravel/Sand/Rock Accumulation (Removal and Landscape Impact) May 9, 2026



Picture: Gravel/Sand/Rock Accumulation (Along the Boulevard # 1) May 9, 2026



Picture: Gravel/Sand/Rock Accumulation (Along the Boulevard # 2) May 9, 2026



Before



After



Before



After



Ref: Pictures (DOT Sweeper) May 11-12, 2026



98 Ave / Spruce N
May 11, 2026



98th Ave
May 12, 2026



Staff Report

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TO: Mayor and Council

FROM: Dawn McGinn, Interim Corporate Deputy Officer

DATE: June 15, 2026

SUBJECT: Fort St. John Stock Car Noise Variance Request

ATTACHMENT(S): [FSJ Stock Car Club Variance Request and Schedule](#)
 [464, 1993 Noise Control Bylaw](#)

STRATEGIC GOALS & PRIORITIES:

This report complies with the following strategic goals set out by Council:

- Community Engagement

RECOMMENDED RESOLUTION:

Should Council choose to grant the Fort St. John Stock Car Club a variance to the District of Taylor Noise Control Bylaw for the remainder of the 2026 season, the following resolution is recommended:

"THAT, *District of Taylor Noise Control Bylaw No. 464, 1993* be waived to permit the Fort St. John Stock Car Club to extend operating hours from 10:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. on the following scheduled race days for the remainder of the 2026 season:

- July 17 & 18
- July 31
- August 1 & 2
- September 11 & 12."

PURPOSE:

To provide information to Council on the authorization request for a variance to the District of Taylor Noise Control Bylaw from the Fort St. John Stock Car Club to extend operating hours from 10:00 P.M. to 11:00 P.M. on scheduled race days which are as follows for the remainder of the 2026 season:

- July 17 & 18
- July 31
- August 1 & 2
- September 11 & 12

BACKGROUND:

The Fort St. John Stock Car Club has requested approval to extend race event operating hours from 10:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. for the existing 2026 racing season. The Club advises that Council previously approved the extended hours in 2019; however, annual renewal requirements were inadvertently overlooked following changes in executive membership.

The Club notes that race events attract participants and spectators from across the region, providing economic benefits to local businesses and amenities within Taylor. The requested extension would provide flexibility to complete race programs when delays occur due to weather, track conditions, or safety incidents. The Club acknowledges potential noise impacts but notes that events are limited to a small number of weekends each season and efforts are made to be considerate of neighbouring properties.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

None.

COMMENTS & DISCUSSION:

For Council's review and reference, attached please find the request received from the Fort St. John Stock Car Club and *District of Taylor Noise Control Bylaw No. 464, 1993*.

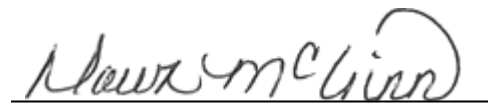
ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS:

Council may choose not to grant the noise variance request.

SUMMARY & CONCLUSION:

Staff are seeking direction from Council in regards to the request received from the Fort St. John Stock Car Club for a variance to *District of Taylor Noise Control Bylaw No. 464, 1993* to extend race event operating hours from 10:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. for the remainder of the 2026 racing season.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:



Dawn McGinn

Interim Deputy Corporate Officer

The District of Taylor's guiding principle is "Safety, Family, then Work."

June 8, 2026

Mayor and Council
District of Taylor
Taylor, BC

Subject: Request for Extension of Race Event Hours to 11:00 PM

Dear Mayor and Council,

On behalf of the Fort St. John Stock Car Club, we respectfully request approval to extend our race event operating hours from 10:00 PM to 11:00 PM for the 2026 racing season.

In 2019, the Club was granted permission to operate until 11:00 PM. Over the years, changes in Club executive members resulted in an oversight, and we were unaware that this approval required annual renewal. We apologize for this oversight and are submitting this request to ensure we remain compliant with District requirements moving forward.

The Fort St. John Stock Car Club has been a longstanding community organization that provides family-oriented entertainment while contributing positively to the local economy. Our race weekends attract competitors, crews, officials, and spectators from throughout northeastern British Columbia and Alberta. These visitors support local businesses through fuel purchases, restaurant visits, grocery shopping, and other expenditures during their time in the region.

In particular, our events generate additional activity and revenue for the Taylor area, including the nearby golf course and its facilities. Many race participants and visitors utilize the golf course, restaurant, campground, and related amenities throughout race weekends, creating economic benefits that extend beyond the racetrack itself.

The requested extension to 11:00 PM would provide greater flexibility in completing race programs, particularly when delays occur due to weather, track conditions, or safety-related incidents. This additional hour helps ensure a complete event for participants and spectators while reducing the need to postpone races to future dates.

We recognize that any public event can create some level of noise and activity. However, our race schedule is limited to a small number of weekends each season, and we work diligently to be respectful of our neighbours and the surrounding community. We believe our events are comparable to other community activities and special events hosted within the District and strive to balance the enjoyment of our sport with consideration for nearby residents.

The Fort St. John Stock Car Club values its longstanding relationship with the District of Taylor and appreciates the support Council has provided over the years. We respectfully request consideration of our application to allow racing activities to continue until 11:00 PM during scheduled race events.

Thank you for your time and consideration. We would be pleased to provide any additional information or attend a Council meeting if required.

Sincerely,



Fort St. John Stock Car Club



2026 Season

MAY 22-23

BABCOCK MEMORIAL

JUNE 12-13

SPORTSMAN INVITATIONAL

JULY 17-18

MINI STOCK INVITATIONAL



JULY 31- AUG 2



CAPS MOD/HOBBYSTOCK
INVITATIONAL

SEPT 11-12

HIT TO PASS



THUNDER IN THE VALLEY

DISTRICT OF TAYLOR

BYLAW NO. 464, 1993

**A BYLAW OF THE DISTRICT OF TAYLOR
TO REGULATE NOISE WITHIN
THE DISTRICT**

WHEREAS Council is empowered to exercise the powers contained in the Municipal Act, pursuant to section 932, subsections (c) (d) pertaining to the control of noise and sounds;

AND WHEREAS all members of the public have a right to and should be ensured of an environment free from unusual, unnecessary, undesirable or excessive noise which will degrade the quality and tranquillity of life or cause nuisance;

AND WHEREAS it is deemed in the public interest to reduce and control such noise;

NOW THEREFORE, Council of the District of Taylor in open meeting assembled enacts as follows:

1. CITATION

This Bylaw may be cited as the "District of Taylor Noise Control Bylaw No. 464, 1993".

2. DEFINITIONS

In this Bylaw, the following definitions shall apply:

"DISTRICT " shall mean the District of Taylor;

"COUNCIL" shall mean the Municipal Council of the District of Taylor;

"INSPECTOR" shall mean the persons appointed from time to time by Council to enforce and administer this Bylaw and shall include any Police Officer;

"NOISE" shall mean a loud, harsh or undesirable sound;

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- "PEACE OFFICER" shall have the same meaning as defined in the Interpretation Act;
- "PERSON" includes any company, corporation, owner, partnership, firm, association, society or party;
- "PROPERTY" means real property and includes land, together with all improvements, which have been affixed to the land.

3. REGULATIONS

It shall be unlawful for any person or persons to cause any noise, in, on, or around, any public or private places or premises which is liable to disturb the quiet, peace, rest and enjoyment of the neighbourhood or the comfort and convenience of individuals or the public.

Without in any way limiting the generality of the prohibition in the foregoing, clause 3 hereof, the following are specifically prohibited:

- a) the playing of any radio, recorded music or sounds, or any musical instrument in such a manner or with such volume as to disturb the quiet, peace, rest or enjoyment of the neighbourhood or the comfort or convenience of individuals;
- b) the keeping or harbouring of any animal, bird or other creature whatsoever, which by its frequent calls, cries or other noise disturbs the quiet, peace, rest or enjoyment of the neighbourhood or the comfort or convenience of individuals;
- c) the use of any automobile, motorcycle, truck, or other vehicle, so out of repair or so loaded as to create loud and unnecessary noise or noises;
- d) the discharge into the open air of the exhaust of any steel engine, internal combustion engine, loaded vehicle, or vessel, except through muffler or other device which would effectively prevent unnecessary noise there from;
- e) the use of any loud speaker or any other instrument or device for the purpose of attracting attention by the creation of noise to any performance or event, show, sale or display of merchandise.

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4. EXEMPTIONS

The provisions of this Bylaw shall not apply to, or be enforced against:

- a) aircraft;
- b) the use of whistles, sirens or such devices operated for emergency purposes;
- c) the making of a noise by any persons in the conduct of business within an area zoned for such business, where the nature of the business conforms to the particular zoning requirements and where the noise is such as is usual or inevitable to the business.

5. CONSTRUCTION

Construction hours are designated as 7:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. seven days per week. It shall be an offence to engage in construction outside designated hours.

6. PERMIT

Notwithstanding the regulations contained herein, Council authorize the Mayor on their behalf to grant a permit therein providing exception from the provisions of this Bylaw.

7. ENFORCEMENT

Any person or persons convicted of an offence under this Bylaw shall be liable to a penalty or fine of not less than \$50.00 (fifty dollars) and not exceeding \$2,000.00 (two thousand dollars) which penalty and costs shall be recoverable and enforceable in the manner provided by the "Offence Act".

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8. This Bylaw shall come into force and take effect on and after the date of its adoption.

READ A FIRST TIME THIS 16th DAY OF November, 1993

READ A SECOND TIME THIS 16th DAY OF November, 1993

READ A THIRD TIME THIS 16th DAY OF November, 1993

RECONSIDERED AND ADOPTED THIS 18 DAY OF January, 1994


MAYOR


MUNICIPAL CLERK

I hereby certify that this is
a true copy of Bylaw No. 464,
1993 cited as "Noise Control
Bylaw No. 464, 1993".


MUNICIPAL CLERK

Good afternoon,

I am writing to formally raise a concern regarding the excessive noise generated by train whistles within the District of Taylor, particularly at the rail crossings. Over the past several months, the frequency and volume of these whistles, occurring at all hours of the day and night, have become increasingly disruptive for residents.

I am under the understanding that the new commercial properties use this infrastructure, and I am happy to have them as neighbours, as I am sure they contribute a significant tax income to the District. However, the increase in noise pollution from the train traffic has become concerning.

While I understand that train whistles serve an important safety function, the current noise levels appear to exceed what is reasonably necessary, especially during late-night and early-morning hours, when the impact on the community is most significant. The constant disturbances affect sleep, daily routines, and overall quality of life for those living within the District of Taylor.

I am requesting that the District review this issue once again and raise the concerns of residents with Transport Canada. Transport Canada outlines the appropriate steps required to cease train whistling at public grade crossings in the link below. I would suggest that Council consider pursuing the de-whistling of all crossings within a five-mile radius to help improve the quality of life for residents.

<https://tc.canada.ca/en/rail-transportation/grade-crossings/apply-stop-train-whistling-public-grade-crossing>


I am not sure what interactions have taken place between the District and CN Rail, but I would strongly urge that Transport Canada be consulted as well, as they are the governing body for air, rail, road, and marine transportation. I have dealt with the Prince George office for aviation matters many times over my career, and they have always been very understanding of public concerns.

Any steps the District can take to address this matter would be greatly appreciated by myself and many other residents who are affected.

Thank you for your time and attention. I look forward to hearing back regarding possible next steps.

Sincerely,

Mike Lamy

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Taylor, BC Resident



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May 28, 2026

Mayor and Council
District of Taylor
10007 - 100A Street, P.O. Box 300
Taylor, BC V0C 2K0

Dear Mayor and Council,

Re: Invitation to the 13th Annual Resource Breakfast Series – September 15, 16, and 17, 2026

It is my pleasure to invite you to the 13th Annual Resource Breakfast Series scheduled for September 15, 16, and 17, 2026 at the Terminal City Club in Vancouver, B.C. The Resource Breakfast Series brings together B.C. Resource Ministers, local area governments, and natural resource sector leaders for discussions on current developments and future priorities in B.C.'s natural resource sectors.

Event Details:

Date:	September 15, 16, and 17	Location:	Terminal City Club, Vancouver
Time:	7:00 – 8:30 am	Dress Code:	Business
Style:	Plated Breakfast	Government Pricing:	\$27.00 + tax per breakfast

Registration: Scan the QR code below.

The Annual Resource Breakfast Series offers a focused forum for meaningful discussion, featuring timely presentations on key developments in B.C.'s natural resource sector. Speaker announcements will follow shortly.

This invitation only series brings together local and provincial government officials with select sponsors. Tickets are sold per breakfast, with local government asked to limit attendance to two seats per Municipal Council or Regional District to support participation from across the province.

We look forward to welcoming you. Please reach out to events@c3alliance.ca if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Sarah Weber, P.Geo., MBA
President & CEO,
C3 Alliance

Scan for Registration:



Good Afternoon,

The Province of British Columbia is developing the BC Road Safety Strategy 2030 (BCRSS 2030) to guide road safety work across the province from 2026–2030 and support progress toward Vision Zero, the long-term goal of realizing zero fatalities and serious injuries on BC roads. As part of this work, engagement is being undertaken to gather feedback on the draft Framework and first Rolling Action Plan from partners, communities, and organizations whose perspectives can help inform the future direction of this work.

To support this engagement process, the Province has engaged Elevate Consulting to assist with coordinating discussions, facilitating engagement sessions, and collating participant feedback.

Attached, please find an invitation from Toby Louie, Superintendent of Motor Vehicles, which provides additional information on the engagement and participation options.

Session Details:

Date: June 19, 2026

Time: 1:00pm – 2:00pm

To confirm your participation, and receive the link for the virtual engagement session, please RSVP by clicking the link below by June 17, 2026

- [RSVP Form](#)

If additional participants from your organization will be attending, please indicate in the RSVP link above.

Ahead of the sessions, a participant package will be sent as a pre-read to provide background on the draft Strategy, explain how the work is structured, and outline the discussion topics that will help guide engagement.

As local governments play a critical role in improving road safety across British Columbia, these sessions are intended to provide an opportunity to hear directly from communities about the challenges, priorities, and opportunities they are seeing on the ground. We recognize that many participants will be reviewing the draft BCRSS 2030 Framework and Rolling Action Plan for the first time, and we welcome your perspectives to help inform and strengthen the final Strategy. This engagement represents the beginning of an ongoing conversation, with additional opportunities for input and collaboration throughout the life of BCRSS 2030.

If the time provided does not work for you or you would prefer to provide written feedback in place of attending a session, please contact us at admin@elevateconsulting.ca.

Thank you for your time, participation, and support in helping inform the future of road safety in British Columbia.

TAMARA OLSON

Management Consultant

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VICTORIA BC

elevateconsulting.ca



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I respectfully acknowledge the Lekwungen speaking People, the Songhees and Kosapsum Nations, whose Traditional Territories I work, and grateful for their stewardship of the lands.

Dear partners,

On behalf of the BC Road Safety Strategy Steering Committee, I invite you to participate in engagement about the upcoming refresh of the BC Road Safety Strategy.

In 2021 the Steering Committee published the [BC Road Safety Strategy 2025: A Collaborative Framework for Road Safety](#), which brought partners together to develop a collaborative, whole-of-government approach to road safety. Now we are refreshing that work with a new strategy, which will build on the BCRSS 2025.

The new Strategy is being developed by RoadSafetyBC, the Ministry of Transportation and Transit, the Ministry of Health and the Insurance Corporation of British Columbia. It will consist of a high level framework and rolling action plans, with the framework and the first action plan set to be published this fall.

Motor vehicle crashes are one of the leading causes of injury and death in British Columbia. The BCRSS Steering Committee recognizes the significant role municipalities play in road safety, and the importance of working together to reduce fatalities and serious injuries on our roads, as a step toward our ultimate goal of Vision Zero. As part of developing the 2030 Strategy and its action plans, we wish to better understand local governments' perspectives and their challenges – shared and unique – around road safety.

The BCRSS engagement sessions are a chance to review and give feedback on the general structure and draft priorities of the BCRSS 2030, along with its first rolling action plan. We want to understand how well the draft Strategy's contents reflect your road safety concerns, and where there may be opportunities for refinement.

Following the engagement, participants will also receive a high-level summary of the feedback that was heard through the conversation.

We also anticipate future opportunities for engagement, as we develop the second rolling action plan for the BCRSS 2030, and when the next road safety strategy is developed.

If you are unable to participate in one of these virtual sessions, written feedback may also be provided by August 31, 2026. If you are interested in providing written feedback, please let us know and we will share additional information to support your submission.

Sincerely,



Toby Louie
Superintendent of Motor Vehicles
Ministry of Public Safety and Solicitor General

Good afternoon,

The Canada Energy Regulator (CER) has issued a Completeness Determination, Legislated Time Limit and Decision on Process for the Birch Grove Project.

For your information, please see the following link to the CER website: [C39510-1 Commission - Letter to Westcoast Energy GP Inc. - Birch Grove Program - Legislated Time Limit and Decision on Process - A9U5F1.pdf](#)

Should you have any questions, please reach out to Jaime Lawrence; Community and Indigenous Engagement Advisor, at [REDACTED].

Mussi, thank you,

Sarah Dickie (She/Her)

[REDACTED]

Sr. Advisor, Community and Indigenous Engagement

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File 6961112
 27 May 2026

Emma Pimm
 Regulatory Specialist
 Westcoast Energy GP Inc. on behalf of Westcoast Energy Limited Partnership
 200, 425 – 1 Street SW
 Calgary, AB T2P 3L8
 Email emma.pimm@enbridge.com

Dear Emma Pimm:

**Westcoast Energy GP Inc. on behalf of Westcoast Energy Limited Partnership
 Birch Grove Program
 Application under section 214 of the *Canadian Energy Regulator Act*
 Legislated time limit and decision on process**

A. Background

Westcoast Energy GP Inc. on behalf of Westcoast Energy Limited Partnership (**Westcoast Energy GP Inc.**) filed an application for the Birch Grove Program (**Project**) with the Canada Energy Regulator (**CER**) on 29 April 2026 ([C39131](#)), to be exempt from certain *Canadian Energy Regulator Act* (**CER Act**) requirements (**Application**).

On 5 May 2026, Westcoast Energy GP Inc. filed confirmation that it had provided the Project's Notice of Application to potentially affected Indigenous Peoples¹ and stakeholders on 30 April 2026 and 1 May 2026 ([C39242](#)). The Notice of Application provided potentially interested people or communities with information on how they could raise outstanding concerns about the Project with the CER, through a Statement of Concern (**SOC**). The deadline for interested persons to submit a SOC was 20 May 2026.

The Manitoba Métis Federation filed a SOC outlining their concerns with the Project, on 20 May 2026 ([C39418](#)).

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¹ The use of the term "Indigenous" has the meaning assigned by the definition of "aboriginal peoples of Canada" in subsection 35(2) of the *Constitution Act, 1982*, being Schedule B to the *Canada Act 1982* (UK), 1982, c 11 which states:

In this Act, "aboriginal peoples of Canada" includes the Indian, Inuit, and Métis peoples of Canada.

B. Decision with respect to the completeness of the Application

The Commission of the CER has determined that the Application is sufficiently complete to begin the assessment process to reach a decision. This determination does not represent the Commission's agreement with Westcoast Energy GP Inc.'s information, analysis, or conclusions, nor does it represent acceptance or approval of the Project. The Commission will continue to consider the Application, including the concerns that have been raised in the SOC, and may request additional information throughout the assessment process.

C. Decision with respect to the applicable legislated time limit

Subsection 214(3) of the CER Act requires the Commission to either make an order or dismiss the application within the time limit specified by the Lead Commissioner. The Commission has determined that this is a category C application, for which the Lead Commissioner has set a time limit of 300 days,² subject to any extensions allowed under the CER Act. The CER has also set a service standard with a goal to release 80 per cent of all decisions within a specified period of time. The service standard for a category C application is 120 calendar days, calculated from the date of this letter. The Commission will proceed with its assessment and may release its decision on the Application at any point prior to the service standard set.

D. Next Steps

The Commission directs Westcoast Energy GP Inc. to provide comments on the SOC filed by 8 June 2026, serving a copy on the Manitoba Métis Federation. The Commission will then determine if additional process steps are required with respect to its assessment of the Project. The Commission directs Westcoast Energy GP Inc. to serve a copy of this letter on all interested parties, including the Manitoba Métis Federation.

To learn more about the Project, please visit the CER's website at [CER – Westcoast Energy GP Inc. on behalf of Westcoast Energy Limited Partnership – Birch Grove Program](#). If you have any questions about this letter, please contact Blair Reilly at 403-478-4259 or through the CER's toll-free number at 1-800-899-1265.

Yours sincerely,

Signed by

Ramona Sladic
Secretary of the Commission

² Refer to letter dated 9 January 2020: [C04046](#).

Statement of concern

Stakeholder information

Name

Marci Riel

Are you filing on behalf of someone else?

yes, no

Person, organization, association, company or Nation you are filing on behalf of

Manitoba Métis Federation - National Government of the Red River Métis

Project information

Company

Westcoast Energy GP Inc. on behalf of Westcoast Energy Limited Partnership

Project

Birch Grove Program

File Number

6961112

Statement of concern

Indicate and describe the following information:

Indicate whether the project may impact you and explain how.

Share your project concerns and suggest solutions.

Explain other ways you would like to share your concerns. For example, ask the company questions or submit a written comment, and explain why these steps are important to you.

The attached Statement of Concern contains an in-depth description of the Manitoba Métis Federations project concerns and suggested solutions, on behalf of Red River Métis Citizens. However, a brief overview has been provided below.

Red River Métis Citizens indicated that they would like to have a proactive role in protecting Red River Métis culture and heritage throughout the Project. The MMF requests ongoing engagement with Westcoast to identify opportunities for Red River Métis-led monitoring. Though the MMF was only engaged later in the process, we appreciate Westcoast's efforts to support a RRMKLUOS specific to this project. As mentioned above, the MMF requests to understand how the results of the RRMKLUOS will be integrated into Westcoast's assessment of Project impacts on Red River Métis rights, claims, and interest. The MMF also requests further engagement to identify appropriate mitigation and compensation measures to minimize the anticipated impacts on Red River Métis rights, claims, and interests. Lastly, the MMF requests that Westcoast provide a written response addressing the concerns brought forward in this Statement of Concern. These written responses are necessary for the MMF to develop an understanding of how the proposed Project may impact the rights, claims, and interests of the Red River Métis.

Additional documents

File name	Document name / Nom du document	Language / Langue
Manitoba Métis Federation - 2026-05-20, Statement of Concern on Birch Grove Program.pdf	Manitoba Métis Federation - Statement of Concern on the Birch Grove Program	English



June 1, 2026

RE: Heritage Conservation Act Transformation Project – Update and Invitation to Phase 3 Regional Local Government Engagement Sessions (Spring 2026)

I am pleased to provide an update on the Heritage Conservation Act Transformation Project (the Project) and invite local governments to participate in further engagement on proposed changes to the [Heritage Conservation Act \(HCA\)](#).

The Project aims to modernize the 30-year-old HCA to streamline permitting, rebuild faster after wildfires or floods, protect heritage more effectively, and ensure First Nations have a meaningful role in decision making regarding their heritage.

The work to modernize the HCA has been an ongoing process, spanning multiple years. Proposed changes to the HCA reflect feedback received through engagement with First Nations, local governments and industry throughout the project. We're listening and adapting proposed changes to the HCA to ensure changes brought forward result in updated legislation that works better for all people in British Columbia. We would like to thank those local governments who have participated and provided valuable input to date.

We have heard a desire for additional opportunities for local governments to learn more about the legislative proposals, provide input, and discuss implementation considerations. As a result, regional in-person engagement sessions dedicated to local governments are planned for June 2026. Each session will have an option for virtual participation.

Feedback from these sessions will help inform BC government decision-making and, pending Cabinet direction, the drafting of legislation, regulations, and guidance to support successful implementation.

Please sign up for a session by emailing us at EngageHCA@gov.bc.ca and indicating which session(s) you are registering for, and whether you intend to participate in-person or virtually. To support venue bookings, please respond as soon as possible and no later than the date(s) identified in the table below. Further details, such as confirmed venues, and links for virtual session participants will be sent to registrants.

Region	Date & Time	Location & Venue	Respond by:
Vancouver Island and Coast	June 11, 2026 12:30-3:30 pm	Nanaimo Venue TBC	June 8, 2026
Lower Mainland	June 12, 2026 9:30-12:30 pm	Vancouver/Surrey Venue TBC	June 8, 2026
Central and Northern BC	June 19, 2026 9:00-12:00 pm	Prince George Venue TBC	June 15, 2026
South and Central BC	June 22, 2026 1:00-4:00 pm	Kamloops Venue TBC	June 15, 2026

Closing Comments

We look forward hearing from you in the upcoming sessions.

If you have any questions regarding the project and/or upcoming engagement, please send an email to EngageHCA@gov.bc.ca.

Sincerely,



Jillian Rousselle
Assistant Deputy Minister
Tenures and Economics Division
Ministry of Forests


OPEN - New Horizons for Seniors Program for Community-Based Projects Call for Proposals 2026-2027 - June 2 to July 14, 2026

Hello,

On June 2, 2026, the Government of Canada launched the New Horizons for Seniors Program (NHSP) 2026-2027 call for proposals (CFP) for community-based projects across Canada.

The deadline to submit applications will be on July 14, 2026, at 3:00 p.m. Eastern Daylight Time. Organizations will have a total of 6 weeks to submit their applications. The information on the [NHSP web pages](#) will help you learn more about this funding opportunity.

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 **NEW** – Please take note of the following important updates for this 2026-2027 NHSP Call for Proposals:

Increase in the maximum grant amount

The maximum grant amount has been raised to \$50,000 to enhance project impact and address inflation. A limit of \$25,000 will be set for capital assistance expenditures to ensure some of the funding supports activities that benefit seniors.

Mandatory Canada Revenue Agency number

A valid [Canada Revenue Agency Business number](#) is required to apply under the 2026-2027 CFP.

Change in assessment criteria

Additional points will be awarded to applications from established organizations with a mandate or mission primarily focused on seniors.

GCOS is the online platform to apply

The method of submission under the 2026-2027 CFP will be done through the [Grants and Contributions Online Services \(GCOS\)](#) portal. Applicant organizations are invited to begin registering for the online service now.

If you are unsure whether you or someone in your organization previously created a GCOS account, please contact the GCOS team at NA-GCOS-SELSC-GD@hrsdc-rhdcc.gc.ca.

The NHSP supports projects that address the following objectives:

- Promoting volunteerism among seniors and other generations;
- Engaging seniors in the community through the mentoring of others;
- Expanding awareness of elder abuse, including financial abuse;
- Supporting the social participation and inclusion of seniors; and
- Providing capital assistance for new and existing community projects or programs for seniors.

Registration for [Grants and Contributions Online Services \(GCOS\)](#) requires a business number from the Canada Revenue Agency (CRA). This is a one-time process that enables you to securely submit online applications for funding opportunities offered by Employment and Social Development Canada (ESDC).

We encourage you to follow Seniors.in.Canada on [Facebook](#) and on [X](#) or access canada.ca/seniors to obtain the most up-to-date information about the benefits, programs and initiatives available to seniors. Additionally, we ask you to follow and share our content to help spread the word about the funding for Community-based projects under the 2026-2027 New Horizons for Seniors and other important seniors-related announcements. Feel free to use #SeniorsInCanada to join the conversation.

Information Sessions

If you are interested in attending a virtual Information Session, register here:

To register, please proceed as follows:

1. Select from the table below your preferred session in the language of your choice,
2. Click on the link to register,
3. Keep the confirmation email in which you will receive a link to join the information session.
4. If you are no longer able to attend the session, you are invited to unregister via the confirmation email.

English sessions:

[Tuesday, June 9 – 9 am PT / 10 am MT / 11 am CT / 12 pm ET](#)

[Wednesday, June 17 – 9 am PT / 10 am MT / 11 am CT / 12 pm ET](#)

[Thursday, June 25 – 12 pm PT / 1 pm MT / 2 pm CT / 3 pm ET](#)

[Friday, July 3 – 12 pm PT / 1 pm MT / 2 pm CT / 3 pm ET](#)

French sessions:

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Government of Canada

270 - 220 4th Avenue South-East

Calgary AB T2G 4X3

Email: W-T-NHSP-PNHA@servicecanada.gc.ca

Telephone: 1-855-312-0400

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Apply now!

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English-language information sessions

Date	Link to register
Tuesday, June 9	bit.ly/NHSP-2026-June9
Wednesday, June 17	bit.ly/NHSP-2026-June17
Thursday, June 25	bit.ly/NHSP-2026-June25
Friday, July 3	bit.ly/NHSP-2026-July3

French-language information sessions

Date	Link to register
Tuesday, June 9	bit.ly/PNHA-2026-9juin
Wednesday, June 17	bit.ly/PNHA-2026-17juin
Friday, July 3	bit.ly/PNHA-2026-3juil



Northern information session (YK/NT/NU only)

Thursday, June 25

Link to register:

bit.ly/NHSP-2026-North



Staff Report

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TO: Committee of the Whole

FROM: Steve Byford, Director of Protective Services, Fire Chief, CD

DATE: June 1, 2026

SUBJECT: Peace Region Major Event Mutual Aid Agreement

ATTACHMENT(S): [Peace Region Major Event Mutual Aid Agreement](#)

STRATEGIC GOALS & PRIORITIES:

This report complies with the following strategic goals set out by Council:

- Asset Maintenance and Enhancement
- Community Engagement
- Advocacy

Participation in the Peace Region Major Event Mutual Aid Agreement supports the District's strategic priorities by enhancing community safety and emergency preparedness, strengthening regional collaboration and partnerships, promoting organizational resiliency, supporting sustainable emergency response capacity, and protecting critical infrastructure and public safety.

RECOMMENDED RESOLUTION:

That the Committee of the Whole review the proposed Peace Region Major Event Mutual Aid Agreement and recommend that Regular Council authorize the Mayor and Chief Administrative Officer to execute the agreement on behalf of the District of Taylor.

PURPOSE:

To seek Council endorsement of the proposed Peace Region Major Event Mutual Aid Agreement between participating municipalities, regional districts, and fire service agencies within the Peace Region.

BACKGROUND:

Emergency events within the Peace Region continue to increase in scale and complexity, including wildland urban interface fires, industrial emergencies, severe weather events, and other large-scale incidents requiring coordinated regional response

efforts. Recognizing that no single jurisdiction can reasonably maintain sufficient resources for every emergency scenario, participating communities have collaboratively developed the Peace Region Major Event Mutual Aid Agreement. The agreement establishes a formal framework for the provision of emergency mutual aid resources during large-scale emergency incidents that exceed local response capabilities and existing mutual aid arrangements. The agreement includes the following participating parties:

- Peace River Regional District
- District of Chetwynd
- District of Hudson's Hope
- City of Fort St. John
- City of Dawson Creek
- Village of Pouce Coupe
- District of Tumbler Ridge
- District of Taylor, and
- Tomslake and District Volunteer Fire Department Society

The agreement establishes a standardized process for requesting and deploying emergency resources during a "Major Event," defined as an emergency situation that exceeds local response capacity and existing mutual aid agreements. Meaning that all current mutual aid agreements that any party may already have in place must be utilized prior to any request under this agreement.

Key components of the agreement include:

- Formalized processes for requesting and providing emergency resources;
- Adoption of a common Incident Command System (ICS) structure;
- Standardized firefighter competency identification practices;
- Coordinated communications procedures and radio interoperability;
- Annual inter-agency consultation and training commitments;
- Clarification of liability, indemnification, and insurance requirements;
- Defined reimbursement provisions for extraordinary resource deployments; and
- Established governance and dispute resolution processes.

The agreement is intended to improve regional coordination, reduce delays in resource deployment, and strengthen emergency response resiliency throughout the Peace Region.

LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS:

The agreement includes provisions respecting:

- Liability limitations;
- Indemnification between participating agencies;
- Insurance requirements;

- Operational authority during deployments; and
- Arbitration-based dispute resolution processes

The agreement has been structured to align with existing emergency management and local government authorities within the Province of British Columbia. It has also already undergone a review by the Municipal Insurance Association of BC and was previously circulated through the Corporate Services department for their comments.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

The agreement does not create an immediate direct financial obligation beyond existing operational preparedness responsibilities. Each participating party is responsible for maintaining its own insurance coverage and for costs associated with normal mutual aid deployment. Where additional emergency resources are requested beyond the scope of standard mutual aid, reimbursement provisions are included within the agreement based on current British Columbia Inter-Agency Working Group reimbursement rates.

Potential future costs may include:

- Joint training initiatives;
- Communications interoperability improvements;
- Administrative coordination; and
- Extraordinary deployment costs recoverable under the agreement.

These costs are anticipated to be manageable within existing departmental operational budgets.

COMMENTS & DISCUSSION:

Attached to this report is a copy of the proposed Peace Region Major Event Mutual Aid Agreement for the Committee's review.

COMMUNICATION:

Staff will communicate Council's decision to the other parties in the agreement. All other parties named in the agreement are also in the process of presenting similar reports to their respective Councils and Boards.

ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS:

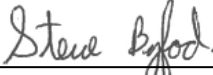
The Committee of the Whole may refer the agreement back to staff for further review or amendments.

SUMMARY & CONCLUSION:

The proposed agreement establishes a formal regional governance framework for emergency mutual aid coordination while preserving the operational authority and discretion of each participating Fire Chief. Participation in the agreement remains

voluntary, and any participating party may terminate the agreement with ninety (90) days written notice. The agreement has an initial five-year term.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:



Steve Byford
Fire Chief

The District of Taylor's guiding principle is "Safety, Family, then Work."

PEACE REGION MAJOR EVENT MUTUAL AID AGREEMENT

This AGREEMENT made the _____ day of _____, 2026.

AMONG:

PEACE RIVER REGIONAL DISTRICT

1981 Alaska Avenue
PO Box 810
Dawson Creek, BC V1G 4H8

(the "PRRD")

OF THE FIRST PART

AND:

DISTRICT OF CHETWYND

5400 Hospital Road
PO Box 357
Chetwynd, BC V0C 1J0

("Chetwynd")

OF THE SECOND PART

AND:

DISTRICT OF HUDSON'S HOPE

9904 Dudley Drive
PO Box 330
Hudson's Hope, BC V0C 1V0

("Hudson's Hope")

OF THE THIRD PART

AND:

CITY OF FORT ST. JOHN

10631 – 100 St.
Fort St. John, BC V1J 3Z5

("Fort St. John")

OF THE FOURTH PART

AND:

THE CITY OF DAWSON CREEK

10105 – 12A Street PO
Box 357
Dawson Creek, BC V1G 3V7

(“Dawson Creek”)

OF THE FIFTH PART

AND:

VILLAGE OF POUCE COUPE

5012 – 19th Street PO
Box 190
Pouce Coupe, BC V0C 2C0

(“Pouce Coupe”)

OF THE SIXTH PART

AND:

DISTRICT OF TUMBLER RIDGE

325 Iles Way
PO Box 100
Tumbler Ridge, BC V0C 2W0

(“Tumbler Ridge”)

OF THE SEVENTH PART

AND:

DISTRICT OF TAYLOR

PO Box 300
Taylor, BC V0C 2K0

(“Taylor”)

OF THE EIGHTH PART

AND:

TOMSLAKE AND DISTRICT VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT SOCIETY (S-181219)

15407 Tomslake Drive
PO Box 49
Tomslake, BC V0C 2L0

(“Tomslake”)

OF THE NINETH PART

PREAMBLE

Jurisdictions of all sizes may encounter situations where their existing resources are insufficient to adequately respond to major emergencies. Such incidents can rapidly deplete local MUTUAL AID capabilities, necessitating the acquisition of additional resources. Large-scale events, including but not limited to wildland fires and other extensive emergencies, often demand supplementary staffing, equipment, and supplies. Moreover, certain incidents may require specialized equipment or a combination of resources, particularly during the initial OPERATIONAL PERIODS of the emergency response.

WHEREAS, the escalating complexity of emergency response services renders it virtually impossible for any single jurisdiction to independently maintain and deploy adequate resources for every conceivable emergency scenario;

AND WHEREAS, EMERGENCY RESPONSE frequently requires a rapid deployment of additional or specialized resources from a number of potential responding fire departments. The intention of this AGREEMENT is intended to minimize delay in securing additional resources;

AND WHEREAS the PRRD has established a local service area for rural fire protection services known as the Moberly Lake Fire Protection Service Area shown on Schedule A;

AND WHEREAS the PRRD has established and maintains and operates a fire protection service in the rural area around the community of Charlie Lake as shown on Schedule B;

AND WHEREAS, the District of Chetwynd has established, maintains, and operates a fire protection service within their boundaries and within a rural FIRE PROTECTION AREA, through agreement with the Peace River Regional District as shown on Schedule C;

AND WHEREAS the District of Hudson's Hope has established, maintains, and operates a fire protection service within its boundaries as shown on Schedule D;

AND WHEREAS, the City of Fort St. John has established, maintains, and operates a fire protection service within their boundaries and within a rural FIRE PROTECTION AREA, through agreement with the Peace River Regional District as shown on Schedule E;

AND WHEREAS, the City of Dawson Creek has established, maintains, and operates a fire protection service within their boundaries and within a rural FIRE PROTECTION AREA, through agreement with the Peace River Regional District as shown on Schedule F;

AND WHEREAS, the Village of Pouce Coupe has established, maintains, and operates a fire protection service within their boundaries and within a rural FIRE PROTECTION AREA, through agreement with the Peace River Regional District as shown on Schedule G;

AND WHEREAS, the District of Tumbler Ridge has established, maintains, and operates a fire protection service within their boundaries as shown on Schedule H;

AND WHEREAS, the District of Taylor has established, maintains, and operates a fire protection service within their boundaries and within a rural FIRE PROTECTION AREA, through agreement with the Peace River Regional District as shown on Schedule I;

AND WHEREAS, the Tomslake and District Volunteer Fire Department has established, maintains and operates a fire protection service in the rural area around the communities of Tomslake, Tupper and Gundy, BC, through the Tomslake Fire Protection Service Area Establishment Bylaw No. 362, 1993 and amendment Bylaws No's 1401, 2002 and 1535, 2004 defined as the Tomslake Protection Service Area and shown on Schedule 'J';

AND WHEREAS the PRRD, Chetwynd, Hudson's Hope, Fort St. John, Dawson Creek, Pouce Coupe, Tumbler Ridge, Taylor and Tomslake (collectively, the "PARTIES") desire to enter into an AGREEMENT whereby EMERGENCY RESOURCES can be deployed to assist the other PARTY during an emergency resulting from a MAJOR EVENT;

AND WHEREAS each of the PARTIES is authorized to enter into this AGREEMENT and has empowered their signatories to execute this AGREEMENT which for certainty, includes schedules A through J;

NOW THEREFORE THIS AGREEMENT WITNESSES THAT, in consideration of the mutual covenants and AGREEMENTs contained herein and subject to the terms and conditions herein, the PARTIES agree as follows:

1. DEFINITIONS

In this AGREEMENT:

"AGREEMENT" means this AGREEMENT, cited as the "PEACE REGION MAJOR EVENT MUTUAL AID AGREEMENT", hereinafter referred to as the 'AGREEMENT';

"CONSUMABLES" refer to products and supplies intended for single use or recurrent consumption during emergency operations, including but not limited to firefighting agents, potable water, medical supplies, and personal protective equipment. These items are typically depleted or rendered unusable through their application in various emergency incidents.

"EMERGENCY RESOURCES" encompass all personnel, apparatus, equipment, and materials that are; Owned or maintained by the PARTY; In active service to the PARTY's fire and emergency services; or Directly accessible to the PARTY for immediate deployment in emergency operations. This definition includes, but is not limited to, firefighting personnel, specialized response teams, vehicles, tools, and any other assets that can be mobilized for emergency response purposes.

"FIRE CHIEF" means for each PARTY, the senior employee or appointed person responsible for the fire services of the PARTY and includes the deputy or delegate of the FIRE CHIEF;

"FIRE PROTECTION AREA" means the service area within which a PARTY provides fire or emergency services;

"INCIDENT COMMAND SYSTEM" means the Incident Command System (ICS) is the organizational structure employed by government agencies in British Columbia, in order to manage major emergencies.

"MAJOR EVENT" is defined as an emergency situation, whether naturally occurring or human-induced, that meets one or more of the following criteria; Impacts, or has the potential to impact, multiple FIRE PROTECTION AREAS; Requires resources that exceed the capacity of the affected jurisdiction, including those available through existing mutual aid AGREEMENTs; Necessitates a response that is beyond the scope of normal operations and local MUTUAL AID capabilities. Such events may include, but are not limited to, large-scale natural disasters, complex industrial accidents, or widespread public safety emergencies that overwhelm local response capabilities and require regional or multi-jurisdictional coordination.

"MUTUAL AID" refers to the assistance provided by one PARTY to another under the terms of this AGREEMENT. Specifically, it encompasses; The provision of one (1) fully staffed apparatus, which may include the following apparatus: Aerial, Engine, Tender, Rescue, Wildland, or other support units; Additional personnel and/or apparatus beyond the initial unit, which may be requested as needed. It is important to note that the deployment of resources beyond the initial fully staffed apparatus may result in compensation, as outlined in Section 8(ii) of this AGREEMENT.

"PARTY" means a local government, municipality, regional district, or volunteer fire department that has entered into this AGREEMENT and is identified in the preamble and recitals of this AGREEMENT. **"PARTIES"** means all such local governments or fire departments collectively.

"PRIMARY MUTUAL AID" refers to all existing MUTUAL AID resources and AGREEMENTs that a PARTY is obligated to utilize or exhaust before invoking the provisions of this AGREEMENT. This includes, but is not limited to, local mutual aid AGREEMENTs with neighboring jurisdictions, and automatic aid arrangements.

“PROVIDING PARTY” means a PARTY receiving a request for assistance under this AGREEMENT;

“OPERATIONAL PERIOD” means twenty-four (24) hours;

“REQUESTING PARTY” means a PARTY requesting assistance under this AGREEMENT.

2. REQUESTS FOR MAJOR EVENT MUTUAL AID

- i. When the FIRE CHIEF or their designate of a REQUESTING PARTY determines that (i) the resources of their local government are insufficient to provide adequate EMERGENCY RESOURCES, (ii) all PRIMARY MUTUAL AID options have been exhausted or are unavailable, and (iii) a large-scale emergency situation resulting from a MAJOR EVENT is occurring or is imminent, they may request MUTUAL AID from another PARTY under this AGREEMENT. In submitting such a request, the FIRE CHIEF or designate shall clearly specify the type of apparatus required (e.g., "one structural engine").
- ii. Upon receiving a request for EMERGENCY RESOURCES from a REQUESTING PARTY, the FIRE CHIEF of the PROVIDING PARTY shall assess the availability of resources at their discretion and determine what can be dispatched without compromising local services. The FIRE CHIEF retains the right to decline the request if the requested resources are unavailable or if fulfilling the request would jeopardize their ability to provide adequate service within their own jurisdiction. This AGREEMENT does not obligate the PROVIDING PARTY to dispatch EMERGENCY RESOURCES under such circumstances.
- iii. The FIRE CHIEF of the PROVIDING PARTY shall dispatch only personnel with the appropriate training and expertise relevant to the nature of the emergency identified by the REQUESTING PARTY.
- iv. The Fire Chief of the PROVIDING PARTY retains the unilateral right to recall, at any time and for any reason, any EMERGENCY RESOURCES provided to the REQUESTING PARTY under this AGREEMENT. Such recall may be executed at the Fire Chief's sole discretion. The PROVIDING PARTY shall not be held liable for any loss, cost, damages, or expenses incurred as a result of this recall action. This provision ensures the PROVIDING PARTY's ability to respond to changing circumstances within their own jurisdiction while participating in MUTUAL AID.
- v. Upon receiving notification from the FIRE CHIEF of the PROVIDING PARTY regarding the recall of supplies, equipment, personnel, information, or other resources under Section 2(iv) of this AGREEMENT, the FIRE CHIEF of the REQUESTING PARTY shall immediately cease use of the recalled resources and promptly return all such items to the PROVIDING PARTY.
- vi. During the provision of MUTUAL AID under this AGREEMENT, all supplies, equipment, personnel, information, and other resources provided by the PROVIDING PARTY shall remain under the operational direction and control of the FIRE CHIEF of the PROVIDING PARTY. The FIRE CHIEF shall ensure adherence to recognized principles of incident command, maintain accountability for responder safety, and comply with established fire and emergency management protocols to promote effective and safe emergency response.
- vii. When personnel from multiple jurisdictions are present at an emergency scene, all PARTIES shall operate under the established INCIDENT COMMAND SYSTEM. The FIRE CHIEF of the REQUESTING PARTY, or their designate, shall assume the role of Incident Commander, unless otherwise agreed upon or dictated by jurisdictional protocols. FIRE CHIEFS or representatives from PROVIDING PARTIES shall integrate into the ICS structure as appropriate, ensuring a coordinated and efficient multi-agency response while maintaining clear lines of authority and communication.
- viii. The provision of MUTUAL AID under this AGREEMENT is strictly limited to the geographical boundaries of the Province of British Columbia. This AGREEMENT does not extend to, nor imply coverage for, any territories or jurisdictions outside the provincial borders, regardless of any separate AGREEMENTS that signatory fire departments may have with extra-provincial entities. All PARTIES acknowledge and agree

that their obligations and rights under this AGREEMENT are confined to intra-provincial emergency response and resource sharing.

- ix. MUTUAL AID provided under this AGREEMENT is primarily intended to support the stabilization and mitigation of emergency events for a single OPERATIONAL PERIOD. Any extension beyond this initial period requires explicit AGREEMENT between both the REQUESTING and PROVIDING PARTIES.
- x. The FIRE CHIEF of the REQUESTING PARTY shall, at the earliest practicable opportunity, release and return all supplies, equipment, personnel, information, and other resources provided by the PROVIDING PARTY that are no longer essential for emergency operations within the REQUESTING PARTY's jurisdiction.
- xi. Upon release and return of equipment or other resources, the FIRE CHIEF of the REQUESTING PARTY shall ensure that all items provided by the PROVIDING PARTY are returned in the same operational condition as when initially received. This obligation encompasses maintaining the functionality, integrity, and cleanliness of all resources throughout their deployment.

3. COMMUNICATION

- i. During responses for which EMERGENCY RESOURCES of both a REQUESTING PARTY and PROVIDING PARTY are deployed, the predetermined radio channels listed below will be utilized for communications at the discretion of the REQUESTING PARTY.

<u>Channel Name</u>	<u>Tx/Rx Frequency</u>
OFC Coordination	155.460
OFC Command	150.350
TACT 1	155.280
TACT 2	154.235

- ii. It is the responsibility of each user to obtain the necessary licensing from Industry Canada prior to installing or utilizing these frequencies.

4. POWERS/AUTHORITY

Notwithstanding Clause 2(vi), the PROVIDING PARTY shall have operational powers and authority equivalent to those in its own jurisdiction while operating within the REQUESTING PARTY's FIRE PROTECTION AREA, specifically for the mitigation of the MAJOR EVENT for which MUTUAL AID is requested. This authority is limited to actions directly related to the emergency, must align with the established Incident Command System, does not override the REQUESTING PARTY's Incident Commander, and expires upon the conclusion of the MUTUAL AID period or when released by the REQUESTING PARTY.

5. TRAINING AND IDENTIFICATION

The PARTIES in this AGREEMENT hereby establish and commit to the following standards and procedures:

- i. Competency Identification:
 - a. Implement a standardized system for identifying firefighter competency levels in accordance with the British Columbia Structure Firefighter Minimum Training Standards.
 - b. All firefighters operating at the exterior level only, as defined by current British Columbia Structure Firefighter Minimum Training Standards, must be clearly identified. The specific method of identification shall be agreed upon by all PARTIES at an annual meeting. All PARTIES are required to implement this agreed-upon identification for their respective exterior-level firefighters. Initially, this identification shall consist of a green decal labeled "EXTERIOR" on their helmets, subject to review and potential modification at subsequent annual meetings.

- ii. Incident Command System:
 - a. Adopt and utilize a uniform INCIDENT COMMAND SYSTEM for all MUTUAL AID calls, ensuring consistency across jurisdictions.
- iii. Annual Review and Improvement:
 - a. Conduct mandatory annual consultations to:
 - i. Evaluate and enhance mutual response strategies.
 - ii. Develop and implement joint training initiatives.
 - iii. Assess and ensure full interoperability of equipment and connections across all participating jurisdictions.
 - iv. Review, confirm, and if necessary, update the identification method for exterior-level firefighters.

6. INDEMNIFICATION, WAIVER AND INSURANCE

- i. Indemnification:
 - a. The REQUESTING PARTY shall indemnify the PROVIDING PARTY against all claims, demands, losses, costs, damages, actions, and other proceedings arising from or related to the provision of EMERGENCY RESOURCES under this AGREEMENT.
 - b. The REQUESTING PARTY shall not be responsible or liable for any claims, demands, losses, costs, damages, actions, or other proceedings resulting from the negligence of the PROVIDING PARTY, its servants, agents, or employees in connection with this AGREEMENT.
- ii. Liability Limitations:
 - a. No REQUESTING PARTY shall bring any action, claim, or demand against a PROVIDING PARTY regarding decisions made by the PROVIDING PARTY'S FIRE CHIEF concerning the provision or non-provision of EMERGENCY RESOURCES.
 - b. No PARTY to this AGREEMENT shall be liable in damages to another PARTY for:
 - i. Failing to respond to a request for assistance, or
 - ii. Failing to render assistance under this AGREEMENT.
- iii. Insurance Requirements:
 - a. Each PARTY shall procure and maintain, at its own cost, a comprehensive general liability insurance policy with coverage of not less than \$5,000,000.00 for the entire duration of this AGREEMENT.
 - b. Each PARTY shall add all other PARTIES as additional insureds to their respective liability insurance policies for the purpose of MUTUAL AID.
 - c. Each PARTY shall provide written confirmation of this insurance coverage, including a copy from the insurance provider, to all other PARTIES within 30-days of the effective date of this AGREEMENT.

7. EXTERNAL COORDINATION

- i. Each PARTY shall set out a process for dealing with its dispatch provider to ensure that MUTUAL AID resources are properly activated for providing mutual assistance under this AGREEMENT. Each PARTY agrees to notify its dispatch provider of any changes to the AGREEMENT and any changes to FIRE

PROTECTION AREAS.

- ii. Any changes to the FIRE PROTECTION AREAS defined in Schedules A through J require a duly authorized amendment to this AGREEMENT. For clarity, if written consent is not provided, the AGREEMENT remains unchanged; therefore, MAJOR EVENTS MUTUAL AID may not apply to the additional area(s), and EMERGENCY RESOURCES may not be provided for those areas.

8. REIMBURSEMENT

- i. The PROVIDING PARTY shall be responsible for all costs incurred in connection with the gathering, movement, and deployment of MAJOR EVENT MUTUAL AID to the REQUESTING PARTY.
- ii. In the event that a REQUESTING PARTY requires EMERGENCY RESOURCES beyond the scope of MUTUAL AID, and a PROVIDING PARTY furnishes such additional resources, the PROVIDING PARTY is entitled to seek compensation from the REQUESTING PARTY. This compensation will be calculated in accordance with the current year's British Columbia Inter-Agency Working Group Reimbursement Rates for the excess EMERGENCY RESOURCES provided.
- iii. Expenses for CONSUMABLES in excess of \$1,500.00 borne by a PROVIDING PARTY while providing MUTUAL AID may be billed to the REQUESTING PARTY prior to the end of the calendar year. Any invoice will be accompanied by an inventory of CONSUMABLES used, including the location and date of the incident requiring the use of the CONSUMABLES.

9. NOTICE

- i. Any PARTY to this AGREEMENT may terminate its rights and obligations under this AGREEMENT by giving ninety (90) days written notice of its intentions to do so to the other PARTIES to this AGREEMENT and thereafter shall be unconditionally released from any further obligation herein save and except any obligation up to the date of termination.
- ii. Where a PARTY to this AGREEMENT terminates its rights and obligations under this AGREEMENT, this AGREEMENT shall continue in force between the remaining PARTIES.
- iii. Notices of other communications (other than requests for assistance) under this AGREEMENT shall be sufficiently given if delivered to the following addresses:

Chief Administrative Officer, Peace River Regional
District PO Box 810, Dawson Creek, BC V1G 4H8

Chief Administrative Officer, District of Chetwynd
PO Box 357, Chetwynd, BC VOC 1J0

Chief Administrative Officer, District of Hudson's Hope
PO Box 330, Hudson's Hope, BC VOC 1V0

Chief Administrative Officer, City of Fort St. John
10631 – 100 St. Fort St. John, BC V1J 3Z5

Chief Administrative Officer, City of Dawson Creek PO
Box 357 Dawson Creek, BC V1G 3V7

Chief Administrative Officer, Village of Pouce Coupe
PO Box 190 Pouce Coupe, BC VOC 2C0

Chief Administrative Officer, District of Tumbler Ridge
PO Box 100, Tumbler Ridge, BC VOC 2W0

Chief Administrative Officer, District of Taylor
PO Box 300 Taylor, BC V0C 2K0

President, Tomslake and District Volunteer Fire Department
PO Box 49, Tomslake, BC V0C 2L0

10. TERM

This AGREEMENT shall remain in force and effect for a period of five (5) years from the date of execution, subject to termination under Clause 9 above.

11. SEVERABILITY OF INTERESTS:

For the purposes of this AGREEMENT, each PARTY's interests shall be deemed severable, and the acts or omissions of one PARTY shall not affect the rights or obligations of the other PARTY under this AGREEMENT.

12. DISPUTE RESOLUTION

The PARTIES hereto agree that in the case of any dispute arising between the PARTIES as to their respective rights and obligations under this AGREEMENT, a PARTY shall be entitled to give the other PARTY notice of such dispute and to request arbitration thereof; and the PARTIES may, with respect to the particular matters in dispute, agree to submit the same to arbitration in accordance with the Arbitration Act, S.B.C 2020 c. 2, as may be amended from time to time.

13. GENERAL PROVISIONS

- i. This AGREEMENT shall be construed according to the laws of the Province of British Columbia.
- ii. This AGREEMENT shall not be assignable by either PARTY without the prior written consent of the other PARTIES, and any attempt to assign the rights, duties and obligations hereunder without such consent shall be of no effect.
- iii. This AGREEMENT shall inure to the benefit and be binding upon the PARTIES hereto and their respective successors and assigns.
- iv. This AGREEMENT may be executed in any number of counterparts and transmitted by electronic means, and if so executed and transmitted, this AGREEMENT will be for all purposes as effective as if the PARTIES had delivered an executed original AGREEMENT.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF the PARTIES hereto have affixed the signatures of their respective officers duly authorized for such purpose.

SIGNED on behalf of the **Peace River Regional District** by:

Chair

Chief Administrative Officer

SIGNED on behalf of the **District of Chetwynd** by:

Mayor

Chief Administrative Officer

SIGNED on behalf of the **District of Hudson's Hope** by:

Mayor

Chief Administrative Officer

SIGNED on behalf of the **City of Fort St. John** by:

Mayor

Chief Administrative Officer

SIGNED on behalf of the **City of Dawson Creek** by:

Mayor

Chief Administrative Officer

SIGNED on behalf of the **Village of Pouce Coupe** by:

Mayor

Chief Administrative Officer

SIGNED on behalf of the **District of Tumbler Ridge** by:

Mayor

Chief Administrative Officer

SIGNED on behalf of the **District of Taylor** by:

Mayor

Chief Administrative Officer

SIGNED on behalf of the **Tomslake and District Volunteer Fire Department Society** by:

President

SCHEDULES

SCHEDULE A – PRRD MOBERLEY LAKE FIRE PROTECTION AREA

SCHEDULE B – PRRD CHARLIE LAKE FIRE PROTECTION AREA

SCHEDULE C – DISTRICT OF CHETWYND & CHETWYND RURAL FIRE PROTECTION AREA

SCHEDULE D – DISTRICT OF HUDSON'S HOPE FIRE PROTECTION AREA

SCHEDULE E – CITY OF FORT ST. JOHN & FORT ST. JOHN RURAL FIRE PROTECTION AREA

SCHEDULE F – CITY OF DAWSON CREEK & DAWSON CREEK RURAL FIRE PROTECTION AREA

SCHEDULE G – VILLAGE OF POUCE COUPE & POUCE COUPE RURAL FIRE PROTECTION AREA

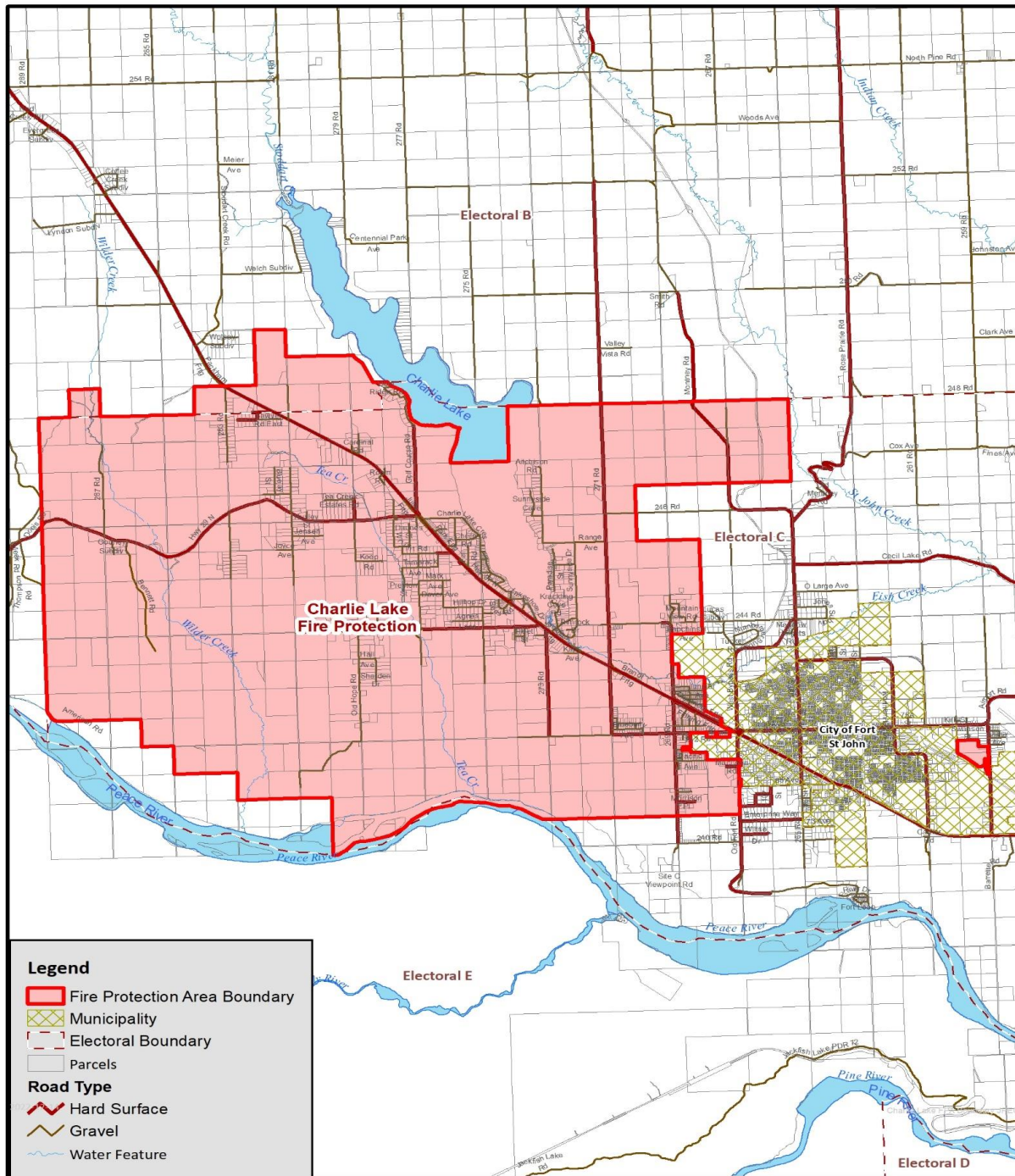
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SCHEDULE I – DISTRICT OF TAYLOR & TAYLOR RURAL FIRE PROTECTION AREA

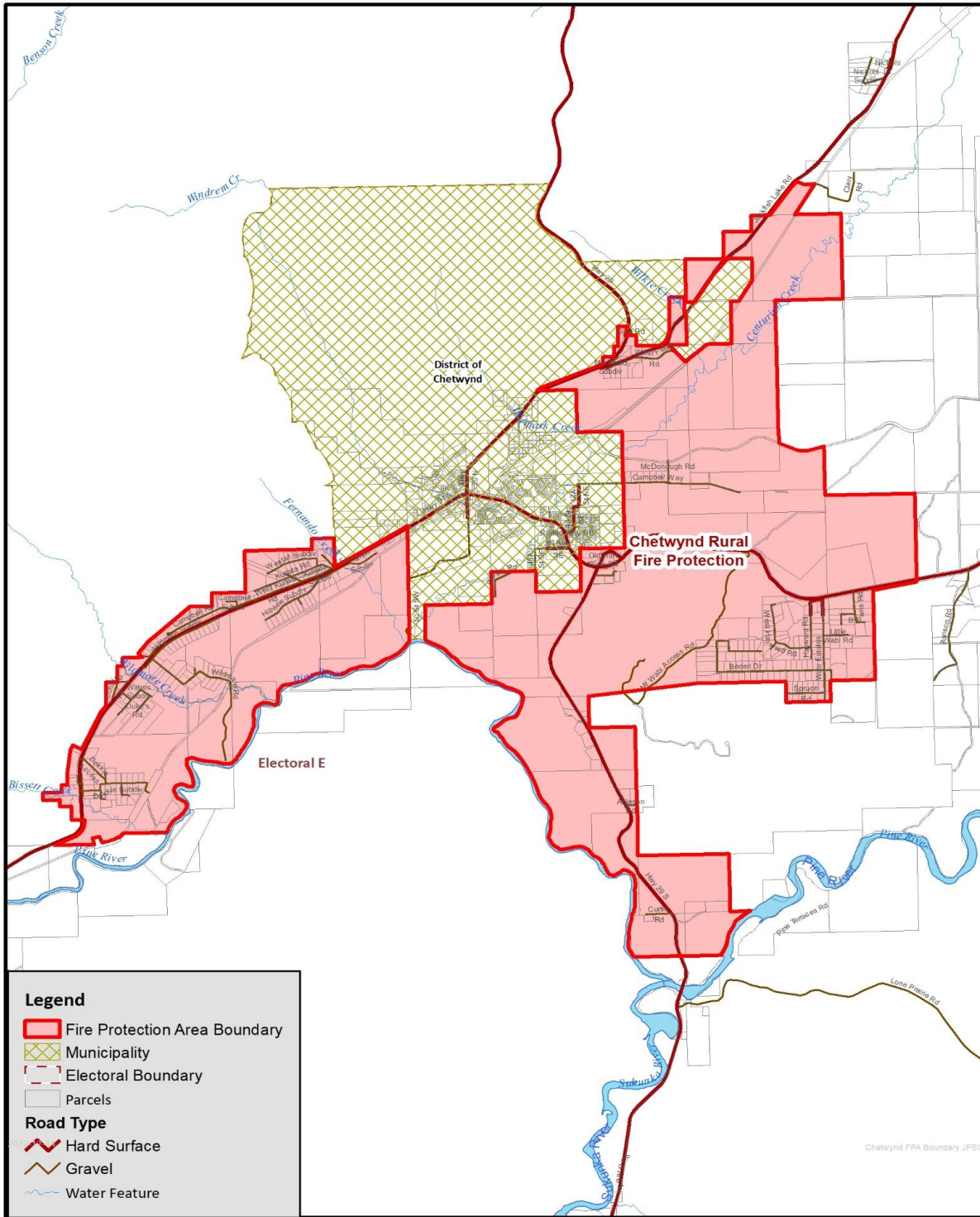
SCHEDULE J – TOMSLAKE RURAL FIRE PROTECTION AREA

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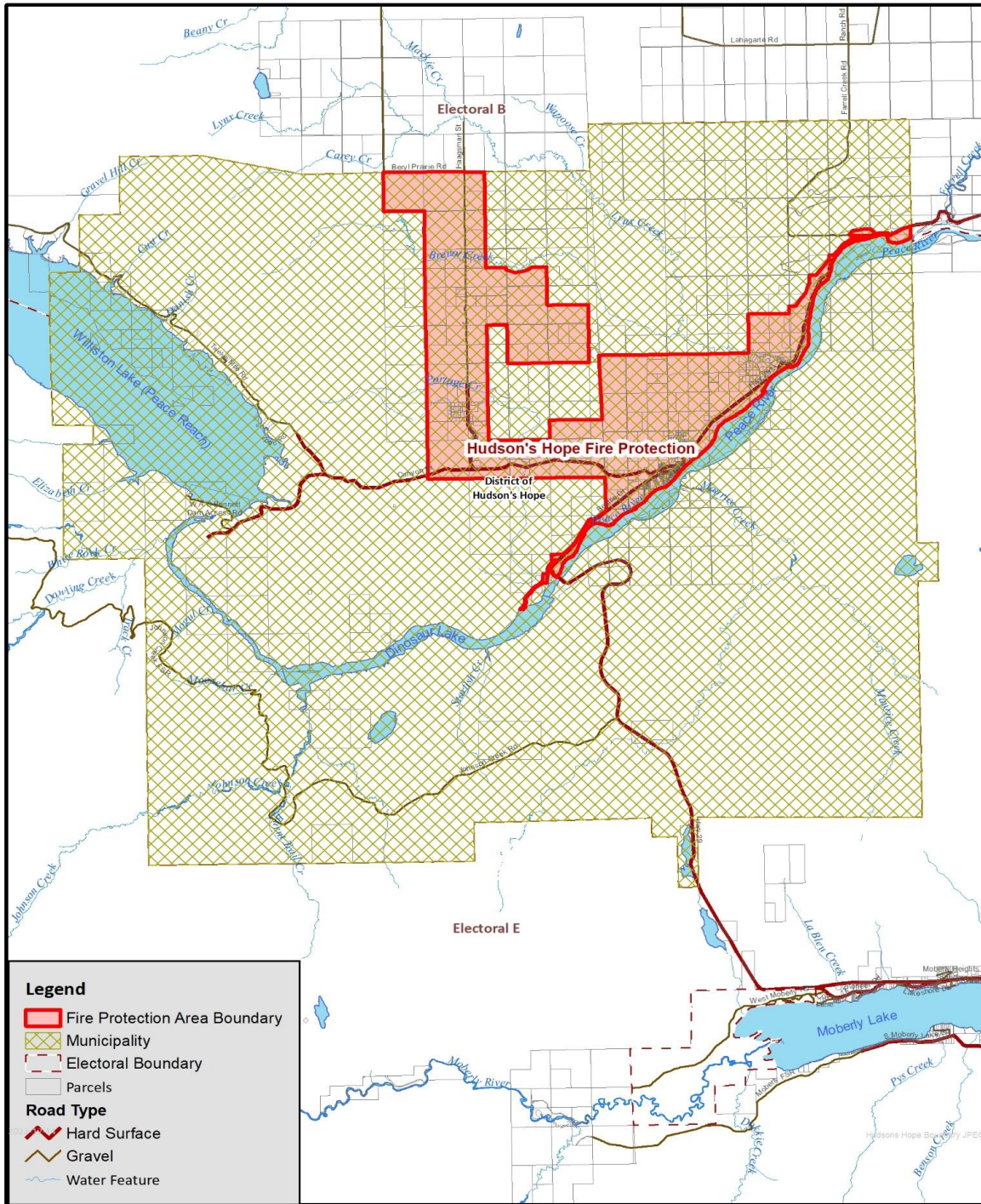
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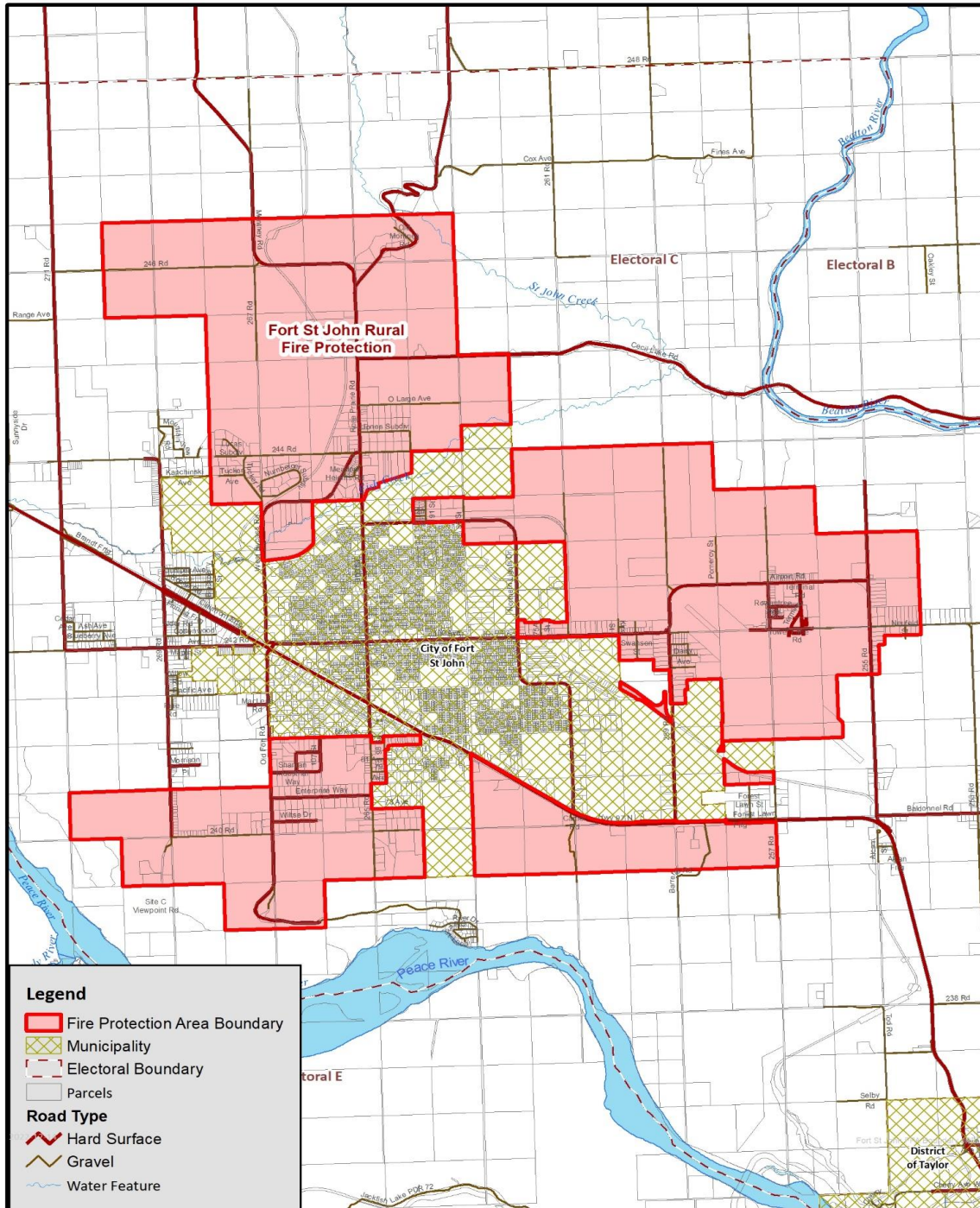
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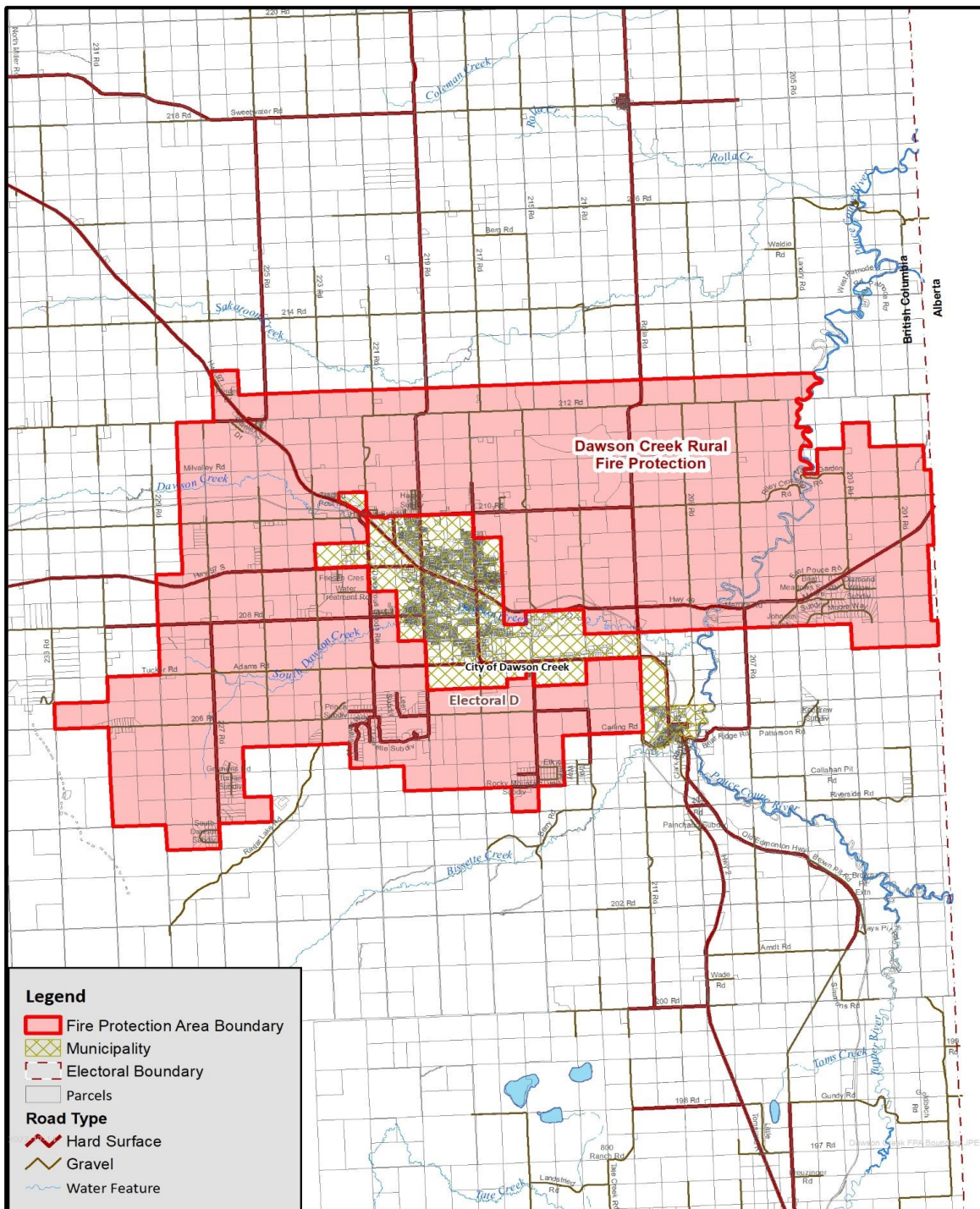
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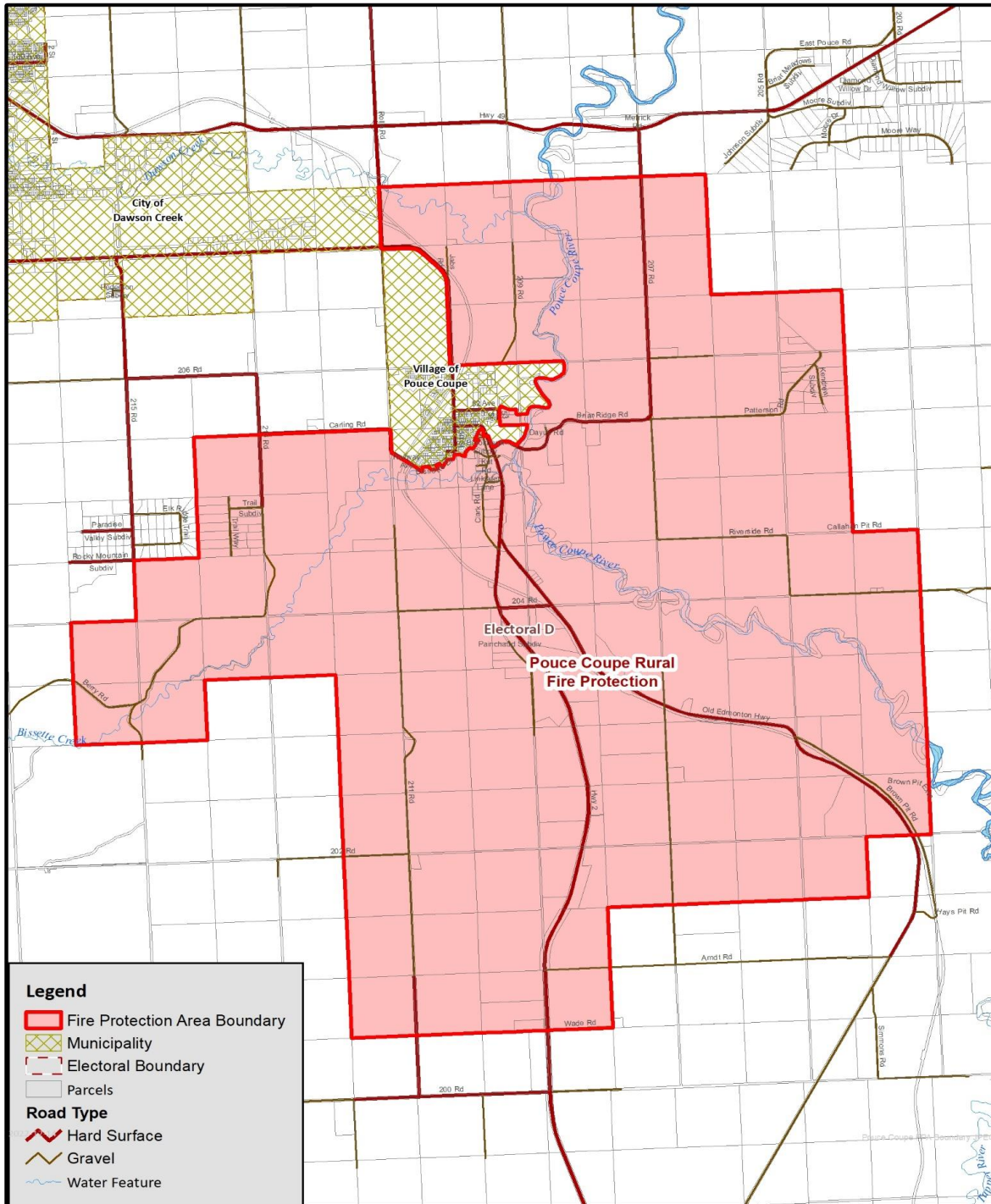
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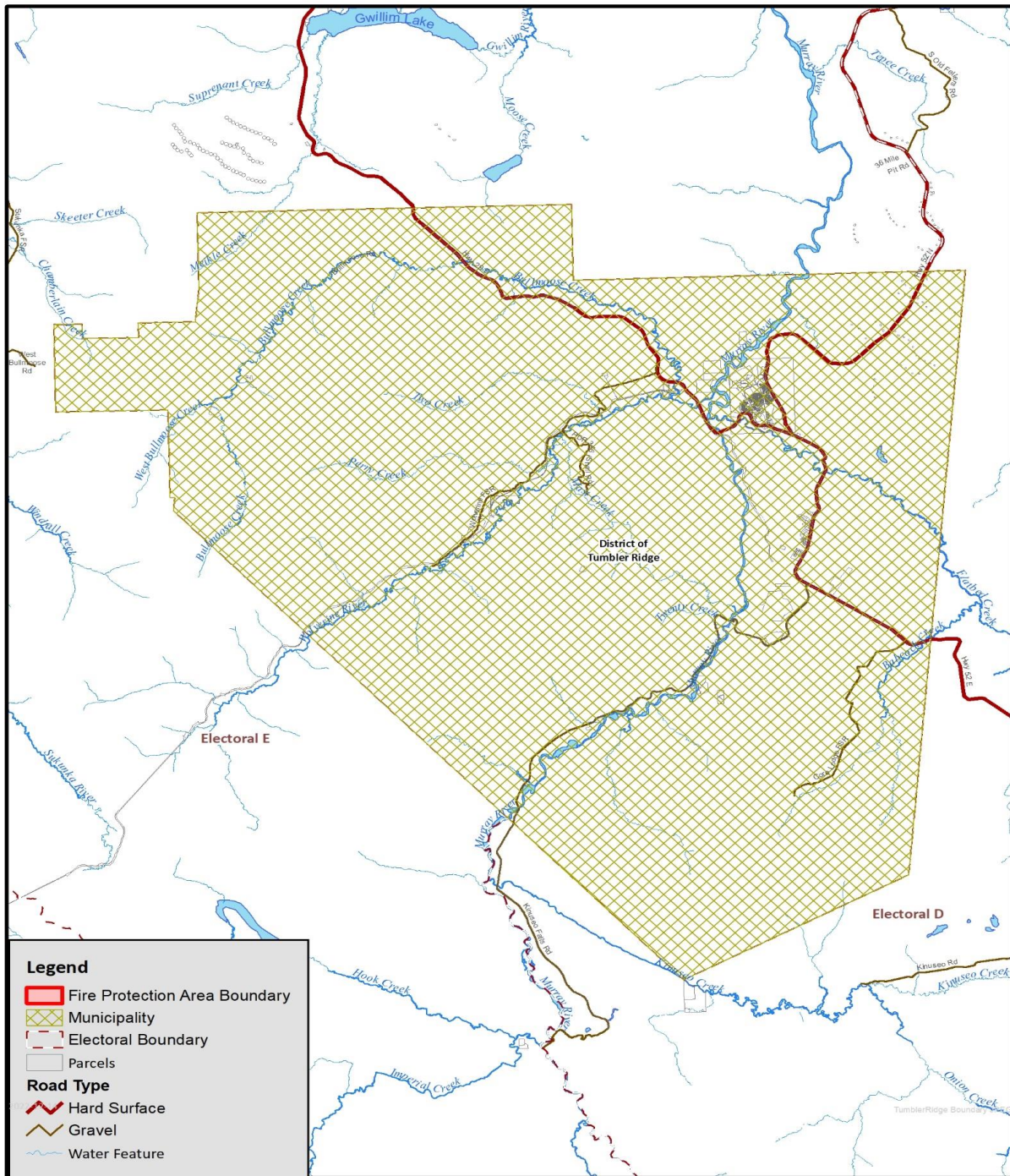
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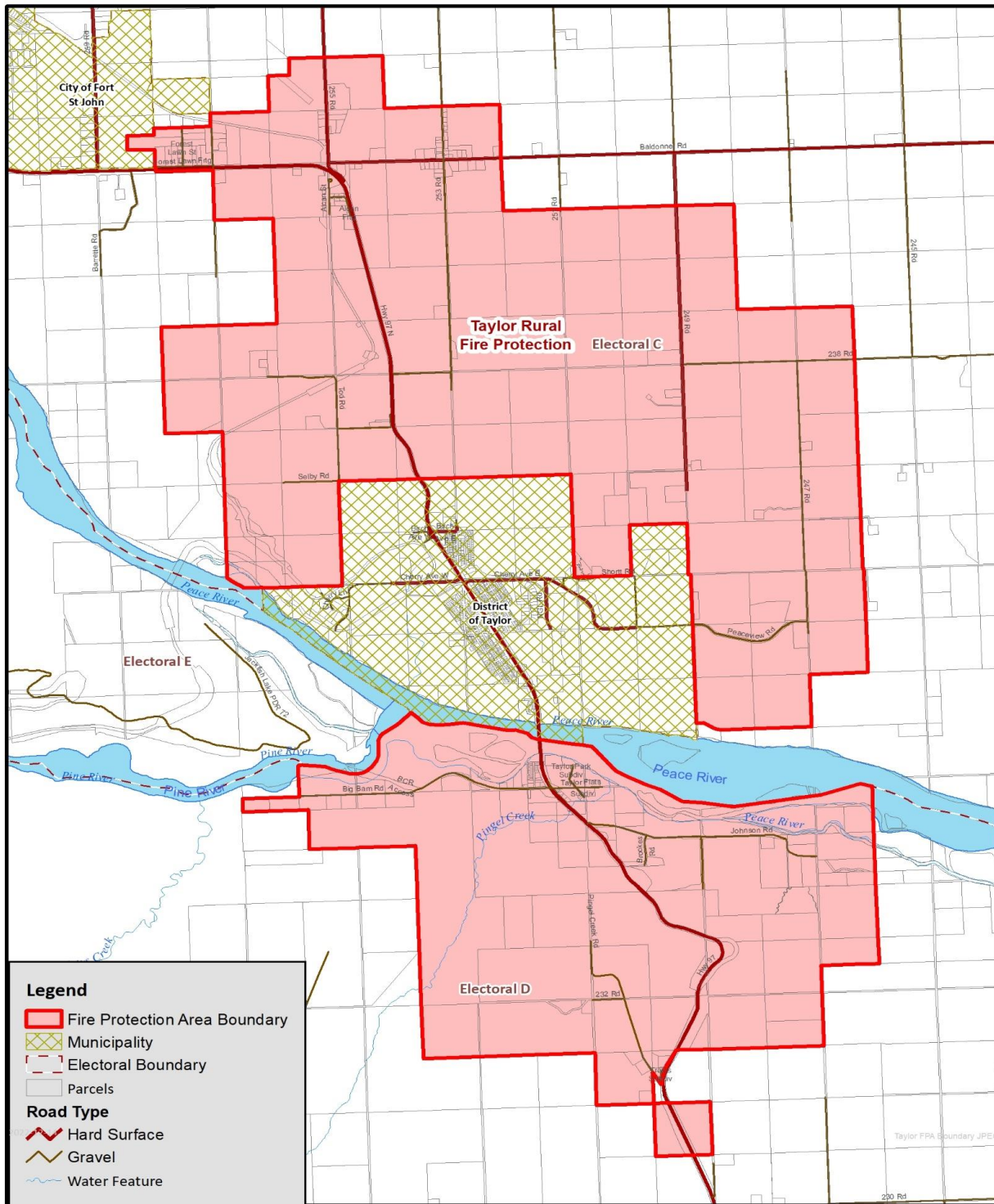
SCHEDULE G – POUCE COUPE FIRE PROTECTION AREA



SCHEDULE H – TUMBLER RIDGE FIRE PROTECTION AREA



SCHEDULE I – TAYLOR FIRE PROTECTION AREA



SCHEDULE J – TOMSLAKE RURAL FIRE PROTECTION AREA

