



The Region of BC's Best

Community Services BOARD REPORT

TO: Chair and Board of Directors **DATE:** December 4, 2019
FROM: Director of Community Services
SUBJECT: Fire Protection Agreement Renewals

RECOMMENDATIONS:

THAT staff be authorized to enter into the following fire protection agreements:

- Village of Clinton for 5 years totaling \$145,000
- District of Logan Lake for 5 years totaling \$19,741
- City of Merritt for 5 years totaling \$397,000
- Resort Municipality of Sun Peaks for 5 years totaling \$132,703
- Lower Nicola Indian Band for 1 year totaling \$68,634

AND THAT the Chair and Corporate Officer be authorized to execute these agreements.

RON STORIE
Director of Community Services

Approved for
Board Consideration
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SUMMARY:

Fire protection in rural BC is often provided by 5 jurisdictional fire department types (municipal, first nation, improvement district, society and TNRD). As is often the case, the TNRD has a number of fire protection areas that are serviced through contracts that renew in what is usually a 1-5 year period. This report will address rural fire protection agreements serviced by Clinton, Logan Lake, Merritt, Sun Peaks, and Lower Nicola Fire Departments.

BACKGROUND:

All five of the rural fire protection agreements have services that expire at the end of December 2019 (as indicated in Table 1).

Table 1 shows the department, location, impacted electoral area, renewal term and approximate cost for the service over the term of the agreement.

Local Government Department	General Location of Service Area	Electoral Area	Renewal Term (yrs)	Cost
Village of Clinton	Clinton Rural	EA E	5	\$145,000
District of Logan Lake	Mamit	EA J / EA M	5	\$19,741
City of Merritt	Merritt Rural	EA M	5	\$397,000
Resort Municipality of Sun Peaks	Whitcroft	EA P	5	\$132,703
Lower Nicola Indian Band	Lower Nicola / Sunshine Valley	EA M	1	\$68,634

DISCUSSION:

All of the rural fire protection agreements that this report discusses are services conducted by either municipal or first nation fire department. In all cases it is unlikely there is any existing fire department that could take on the entire adjacent fire protection service area (which is technically, a sole source agreement). Contracts with Clinton, Logan Lake, Merritt, and Sun Peaks are for a 5 year timeframe. We are currently in discussion with the LNIB and at this time. Staff are recommending a one year contract with the Lower Nicola Indian Band because of a fire department transition.

Ashcroft, Barriere and Chase are not in this table because the renewal window was outside this year's expiry date.

Staff recommend the Board renew rural fire protection agreements with Clinton, Logan Lake, Merritt, Sun Peaks, and Lower Nicola Fire Departments as the service providers to the TNRD.

ALIGNMENT TO THE STRATEGIC PLAN:

Focus on and Public Safety

COMMUNICATION TO THE PUBLIC:

The decision of the Board of Directors regarding this item will be communicated to the public:

- In the minutes of the meeting at which this item will be considered by the Board of Directors; said minutes to be included in the next regular Board of Directors' meeting agenda on the TNRD's website.

Attachments

None