

DATE: November 28, 2018**FILE:** 7200-20/BCOB**TO:** Chair and Members
Black Creek/Oyster Bay Services Committee**FROM:** Russell Dyson
Chief Administrative OfficerSupported by Russell Dyson
Chief Administrative Officer**R. Dyson****RE: Oyster River Fire Rescue Superior Tanker Shuttle Accreditation Update****Purpose**

The purpose of this report is to give the Black Creek/Oyster Bay Services Committee an update on the Superior Tanker Shuttle Accreditation (STSA) for the Oyster River Fire Department. (ORFD)

Recommendation(s) from the Chief Administrative Officer:

This report is for information purposes only.

Executive Summary

On October 1, 2018 ORFD received official notification that they have successfully met the qualifications to be accredited to the STSA standard as set out by Fire Underwriters Survey (FUS). This means that residents who live within 8km of the fire hall, but without a fire hydrant, may be eligible for a reduction in their insurance premiums.

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Community Services**Background/Current Situation**

In the summer of 2018 a dedicated group of firefighters started the training process outside of regularly scheduled training days to meet the challenge of the STSA test. On September 13, 2018 FUS administered the STSA test, which ORFD completed successfully.

On October 1, 2018 ORFD received official notification from FUS that they had officially met the challenge to be accredited for STSA. This accreditation is valid for 5 years at which time ORFD will need to recertify.

This accreditation means:

“Detached dwellings (Personal Lines) within 8km of the accredited firehall and within 5km of a recognized water supply point (within the defined Fire Protection Area maps) conforming to NFPA 1142- Standard on Water Supplies for Suburban and Rural Fire Fighting, recent edition, are eligible to receive a cost reduction in their fire insurance rates from the majority of insurers in Canada.”

Policy Analysis

The board made the following resolution at the September 17, 2018.

THAT staff bring back a report to the committee on the final outcome of the Fire Underwriters Association Superior Tanker Shuttle Accreditation for Oyster River Fire Rescue.

Citizen/Public Relations

Oyster River Fire Rescue used their social media feeds, issued a press release on October 15, 2018, and sent emails to community groups and the Comox Valley Regional District put a statement on their webpage.

Attachments: Appendix A – “STSA documents”



Certificate of Accreditation

This certificate is in recognition that the

**Black Creek-Oyster Bay Fire Protection Local Service Area
Oyster River Fire Rescue – Fire Station #1**

In the Province of British Columbia

Has been formally accredited to deliver

Alternative Water Supply

for

Public Fire Protection

via Superior Tanker Shuttle Service

by

FIRE UNDERWRITERS SURVEY

For Fire Insurance Grading and Classification Purposes

The effective date for Superior Tanker Shuttle Service Accreditation is October 1st, 2018 through October 1st, 2023

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Registrar

[Signature]
Vice-President





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October 1st 2018

RECOGNITION FOR FIRE INSURANCE GRADING RECEIVED

*Black Creek-Oyster Bay Fire Protection Local Service Area
Oyster River Fire Rescue – Fire Station #1*

Superior Tanker Shuttle Service - Accredited

I am pleased to advise that the above-mentioned fire department and fire protection area within the province of British Columbia was recently registered in the Canadian Fire Insurance Grading Index as being accredited for the delivery of Superior Tanker Shuttle Service for Personal Lines insured risks within the Dwelling Protection Grade system.

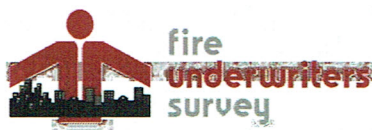
The requirements for this accreditation are stringent and verify that the fire department is capable of delivering the minimum accepted fire flows to detached dwellings throughout the fire protection district within eight kilometres (8 km) by road of the responding fire station and five kilometres (5 km) by road of a recognized water supply point.

This accreditation is an equivalency to the minimum requirements for hydrant protection as set out by the insurance industry and the Fire Underwriters Survey. Dwelling Protection Grade 3B(S) should be applied to properties insured under Personal Lines that are within eight kilometres (8 km) road distance from the accredited fire station and five kilometres (5 km) road distance of a recognized water supply point as outlined in the Fire Insurance Grade map for the Black Creek-Oyster Bay Fire Protection Local Service Area of the Comox Valley Regional District.

Fire Underwriters Survey has provided information on fire protection and risk levels to the insurance industry in Canada for more than 100 years. Fire Underwriters Survey was originally operated under the auspices of the Insurance Advisory Organization until 2002 when the I.A.O. and all of its related services were repositioned under the flag of CGI and more recently, Opta Information Intelligence.

Should you have any questions or concerns related to the Fire Underwriters Survey, the Superior Shuttle Service accreditation process or any other related area, please contact our office.

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October 1st, 2018

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Re: Superior Tanker Shuttle Accreditation – Effective October 1st, 2018

I am pleased to advise that the Fire Underwriters Survey has evaluated the test results and application for accreditation to deliver Superior Tanker Shuttle Service and FUS has determined that Oyster River Fire Rescue qualifies for accreditation for Personal Lines insured risks within the Dwelling Protection Grade system.

Oyster River Fire Rescue has been added to the list of accredited agencies for the delivery of Superior Tanker Shuttle Service and the appropriate changes have been made to the Canadian Fire Insurance Grading Index.

Please find the enclosed certificate of accreditation and a brief letter of recognition.

As an accredited agency, constituents within your fire protection area who own:

- detached dwellings (Personal Lines) and are within 8 km of the accredited fire hall and within 5 km of a recognized water supply point (within the defined Fire Protection Area maps) conforming to NFPA 1142 – Standard on Water Supplies for Suburban and Rural Fire Fighting, *recent edition*, are eligible to receive a cost reduction in their fire insurance rates from the majority of insurers in Canada.

Insurers utilize the information provided by Fire Underwriters Survey in setting the property insurance rates throughout Canada. Insurers are advised that Superior Tanker Shuttle Accredited fire protection districts qualify for hydrant protected equivalency status and may be rated as protected. Note that this equivalency applies only to detached dwellings without exposures.

It should be noted that insures are under no obligation to accept this equivalency; however, Fire Underwriters Survey recommends that they do so.

It should also be noted that a re-accreditation process will occur five years from the date of this letter. Records of training and use of STSS should be maintained each year for review. Accreditation may be extended for another five years if no significant changes have occurred to the fire department that would negatively affect its ability to provide the service since the first accreditation was granted.

As a Surveyor for the province of British Columbia, I must advise you that Superior Tanker Shuttle Service accreditation and benefits associated with the accreditation are contingent upon Oyster River Fire Rescue being capable of continuously meeting the requirements of the Superior Tanker Shuttle Service delivery and being continuously able to provide evidence of such capacity upon request. Should the capacity of the fire protection district to deliver this level of service change at any time, notification should be made immediately to the offices of Fire Underwriters Survey. Fire Underwriters Survey retains the right to revoke Superior Tanker Shuttle Service Accreditation at any time.

Should you have any questions or concerns related to the Fire Underwriters Survey, the Superior Tanker Shuttle Service accreditation process or any other related area, please feel free to contact FUS for further information.

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