

**DATE:** April 9, 2019**FILE:** 7200-20/Mt. Washington**TO:** Chair and Directors  
Electoral Areas Services Committee**FROM:** Russell Dyson  
Chief Administrative OfficerSupported by Russell Dyson  
Chief Administrative Officer**R. Dyson****RE: Mount Washington Fire Protection Service Update**

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**Purpose**

The purpose of this report is to provide the Board with an update regarding the Mount Washington (Mt. Washington) Fire Protection Service.

**Recommendation from the Chief Administrative Officer:**

This report is for information purposes

**Executive Summary****Capital:**

- Fire service building anticipated for construction 2021:
  - Engineering firm engaged as project coordinator.
  - Developing basic design based on existing building at a different ski resort and to fit character of resort.
  - Developing “Class D” cost estimates with escalation to 2021.
  - Class D estimates anticipated completion summer 2019.
  - Site analysis anticipated summer 2019 when snow is gone.
  - Steering group met in January and concurs with this proposed timeline.
  - Steering group recommends moving to maximum requisition tax rate of \$1.15 per \$1000 of assessed value in 2020 to help fund construction.
  - Next steering group meeting planned for summer 2019 to review Class D estimates.
- Ten more “hydrant snorkels” planned for purchase and installation in 2019:
  - Oyster River Fire Rescue (ORFR) members will install the new snorkels

Note: construction of the fire service building will not affect the response time for the ORFR department as they will still have to travel to Mt. Washington to respond to an incident.

Note: construction of the fire services building will not affect insurance premiums for residents as the responding fire department is more than 8 km from the Mt. Washington community.

**Operations:**

- Mt. Washington fire truck.
  - Stored at Oyster River fire hall during the winter months
  - Stored securely at Mt. Washington during the summer months and ready to respond to incidents.

- Oyster River fire protection service Utility Transport Vehicle (UTV on tracks).
  - Stored at Oyster River fire hall in summer months.
  - Stored securely at Mt. Washington in a storage container during the winter months and ready to respond to incidents.
  - New storage container added this winter.
- Oyster River Fire Rescue continues to practice at Mt. Washington up to three (3) times per month to maintain skills and familiarization with the conditions on Mt. Washington.
- Training and recruitment.
  - The ORFR department currently has 3 fully trained firefighters who either live on Mt. Washington or work for the resort.
  - There is currently two (2) rookie firefighters from Mt. Washington who have started training to the required standard.
  - These five (5) firefighters join the full membership for training on Mt. Washington.
  - The next intake for new recruits is planned for July 2019 with training to begin in October 2019.

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