



# NOTICE OF AN ALTERNATIVE APPROVAL PROCESS Interlakes VFD Truck Replacement

## Why is there going to be an AAP?

One of the Interlakes volunteer fire department's fire trucks is due for replacement in order to meet certification requirements. The CRD thinks the best purchasing option is through a 10-year debt financing model and needs permission to enter into debt financing arrangements that exceed five years in term.

## What areas are included in the AAP?

The entire Interlakes Fire Protection Service Area is included in this Alternative Approval Process (AAP). Only those in the fire protection service area can submit an Elector Response Form.

## How much will the fire truck cost?

The fire truck will cost approximately \$485,000. If adopted, the bylaw authorizes us to borrow up

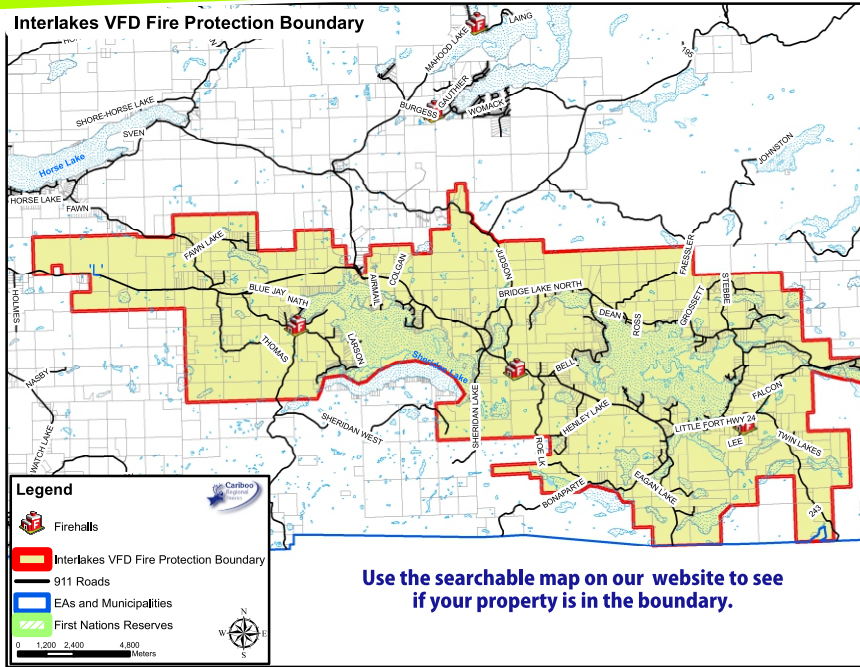
to \$500,000 over 10 years to purchase one truck for the Interlakes VFD.

## Why are we using 10-year financing?

Using 10-year financing will have less impact on taxes, because the CRD will be able to spread out the cost of the purchase over 10 years instead of 5 years. The Interlakes VFD will also be able to save up for future maintenance and truck replacement requirements.

## How will this impact my taxes?

The Interlakes Fire Protection budget will see an overall tax increase of 3.5% each year over the next 5-year financial plan (2021-



2025), which includes both the property and parcel tax. This includes the fire truck replacement with 10-year financing.

If the fire truck was purchased with

5-year financing, there would need to be a 25% property tax increase in 2021 and a 3.5% increase in years 2022 to 2025.



This is a summary of Bylaw No. 5271 and is not an interpretation of the bylaw. The full bylaw may be inspected at the Cariboo Regional District office in 100 Mile (#3 - 170 Cedar Ave) during regular office hours until Oct. 14, 2020 or online at [cariboord.ca/firedepartments](http://cariboord.ca/firedepartments)

## BYLAW UNDER CONSIDERATION

If adopted, Cariboo Regional District Interlakes Area Fire Protection Loan Authorization Bylaw No. 5271, 2020, will authorize the borrowing of up to \$500,000 over ten years to replace an aging fire engine for the Interlakes Fire Protection Service. There is no change to the taxation requisition limit to accommodate this borrowing. The service area is a portion of Electoral Area L.

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### What is an AAP?

An AAP is a 'reverse' form of public assent where the CRD will adopt Bylaw No. 5271 unless at least 10 per cent of the electors in the Interlakes fire protection area submit a signed form saying they are against the adoption of the bylaw without a vote being held. This means that the CRD will go ahead and purchase the fire truck with ten-year financing unless 10 percent of the residents in the fire protection area object and submit signed Elector Response Forms.

### What happens if the AAP fails?

If 10 percent or more of the electors in the Interlakes fire protection area submit signed Elector Response Forms, the proposal would go to a full referendum. If the referendum failed, the CRD would purchase the truck through its former five-year financing model.

One hundred and fifty-four (154) elector responses are required to prevent the CRD from proceeding without a referendum in the Interlakes Fire Protection Area. A report explaining how this number was calculated can be requested from the CRD.

### How to Submit a Response Form

Elector responses must be submitted on the official Elector Response Form. This is the only form that will be accepted, or an accurate copy of it. Pick up a form during business hours from the CRD office or [download it at cariboord.ca/firedepartments](http://cariboord.ca/firedepartments).

### Elector Eligibility

**Only electors in the Interlakes Area Fire Protection Service area are eligible to sign the Elector Response Forms.**

There are two types of electors. Resident and non-resident.

**Resident:** When signing an Elector Response Form during an AAP, a resident elector must: be 18 years of age or older; be a Canadian citizen; have lived in British Columbia for at least the last six months; have lived in the Interlakes Fire Protection Service Area for at least the last 30 days; and not be disqualified under the Local Government Act, or any other enactment from voting in a local election, or be otherwise disqualified by law.

**Non-resident:** When signing an Elector Response Form during an AAP, a non-resident property elector must: be at least 18 years of age; be a Canadian citizen; have lived in British Columbia for at least the last six months; have owned property in the Interlakes Fire Protection Service Area for at least the last 30 days; and not be disqualified under the Local Government Act or any other enactment from voting in a local election, or be otherwise disqualified by law.

**Note:** Only one non-resident property elector may sign an Elector Response Form per property, regardless of how many people own the property; and, that owner must have the written consent of a majority of the other property owners to sign the response form on their behalf. **Properties owned in whole or in part by a corporation do not qualify.**

### Filling Out the Form

Resident electors signing the Elector Response Form must provide their name and address.

Non-resident property electors must provide their name and the address of the property in relation to which they are entitled to register as a non-resident property elector. The Cariboo Regional District will not share the information on the form with anyone other than its Manager of Corporate Services or other persons designated by the Manager of Corporate Services.

### Submit by October 14

To be valid, Elector Response Forms must be received by the CRD's Manager of Corporate Services, in the form established, no later than 4:00 p.m. on Wed, Oct. 14, 2020 and must only be signed by duly qualified electors within the Interlakes Fire Protection Service Area.

### Questions?

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