



# Regional Board Report

## Request for Decision

**To:** Regional Board  
**From:** Director of Corporate Services/Deputy CAO  
**Date:** February 22, 2024

**Subject:** Brent Road Fire Protection Agreement Extension with the District of Peachland

**Voting Entitlement:** All Directors – Weighted Corporate Vote – Majority (LGA s.209)

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**Purpose:** To consider a one-year extension of the current Brent Road Fire Protection Agreement between the District of Peachland and the Regional District of Central Okanagan.

### Executive Summary:

In 2004 property owners in the Brent Road area within Electoral Area West successfully petitioned the Regional District of Central Okanagan (RDCO) to establish a service for the provision of fire protection. Since the service was established the RDCO has had fire protection service agreements with the District of Peachland to provide fire protection to properties in Electoral Area West's Brent Road area. The five-year agreement expired on December 31, 2023.

The Corporate Office was notified in January 2024 that the District of Peachland has agreed to a one-year extension. The agreement extension is before the RDCO Board for consideration.

### Recommendation(s):

**THAT** the Regional Board extend the Brent Road Fire Protection Agreement Extension with District of Peachland for one (1) year to December 31, 2024;

**AND THAT** the Chair and Corporate Officer be authorized to sign the extension agreement, as attached to the report.

Report submitted by:

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Corie Griffiths,  
Director of Corporate Services/Deputy CAO

Approved for Agenda:

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Sally Ginter, Chief Administrative Officer

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### Strategic Plan Alignment:

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Emergency preparedness | <input type="checkbox"/> Truth and reconciliation                              |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Health and wellness               | <input type="checkbox"/> Environment and climate – Regional priority only      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Regional transportation           | <input type="checkbox"/> Growth and development – Electoral Area priority only |
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**Background:**

The Regional District received a valid petition in 2004 from Electoral Area West property owners in the Brent Road area requesting fire protection, and the Regional District requested that the District of Peachland expand their fire protection service boundary to include the Brent Road area. The District of Peachland agreed to provide this service to the Brent Road area for the same costs that would apply to parcels within the district of Peachland. The RDCO installed a water supply reservoir and two dry hydrants as part of the original agreement in 2004.

The agreement was most recently renewed by the RDCO Board in 2018 for a period of five years.

This is a one-year extension of an existing agreement. Without an agreement in place, the Brent Road area homeowners would be considered unprotected from Fire Writers, where with the agreement in place they hold a dwelling protection grade of 3A or 3B depending on the location which is applied to their insurance rates.

The one-year extension will ensure continuity of service while concurrently providing staff time to assess a revised agreement for RDCO Board consideration in Q4 of 2024.

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**Considerations:****Organizational/External:**

Staff time to negotiate and a legal review of a revised 5 year agreement with the District of Peachland.

**Financial:**

Residents of the Brent Road Service area pay their proportionate share of the cost of the Peachland department, to a maximum amount of \$0.80/\$1,000 of assessed value.

**Alternate Recommendation:**

THAT the Brent Road Fire Protection Agreement Extension report from the Director of Corporate Services, dated February 22, 2024 be received for information.

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**Attachment(s):**

1. Brent Road Fire Protection Agreement, October 1, 2018 to December 31, 2023
  2. Brent Road Fire Protection Agreement, Letter from District of Peachland, January 16 2024
  3. Brent Road Fire Protection Extension, January 1, 2024 to December 31, 2024
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