



Regional Board Report

Request for Decision

Approved for Board Consideration

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Corie Griffiths, Deputy CAO

To: Regional Board
From: David Komaike, Director of Engineering Services
Date: September 8, 2022
Subject: Ellison Fire Protection Service Area Amendment

Voting Entitlement: *All Directors – Unweighted Corporate Vote – Simple Majority (LGA s.208)*

Purpose: To consider amending the Regional District of Central Okanagan Ellison Fire Protection Service Area Establishment Bylaw No. 418, 1990 to include 7005 Old Vernon Road and remove 4150 Old Vernon Old.

Executive Summary:

7005 Old Vernon Road

The Regional District has received a signed letter of petition from the registered owners of 7005 Old Vernon Road requesting the expansion of the Ellison Fire Protection Service Area to include their property. Fire Underwriters Survey accreditation requires qualified coverage to be a maximum of 8 kilometres from a fire station and 5 kilometres from a qualified water supply.

Fire services confirms that the property is located within 5 kilometres of Ellison Fire Station and further advises that given their accessibility, the Ellison Fire Department would be capable of providing water shuttle operations and fire protection services to this property. Given the nature of the property and the road access, a fire preplan will be prepared by Ellison Fire Department once the amending bylaw has been adopted.

4150 Old Vernon Road

The property located at 4150 Old Vernon Road is no longer part the the Regional District as it now within the boundaries of the City of Kelowna. Fire protection is now provided directly by the City of Kelowna.

An amendment to the Fire Service Establishment Bylaw is required to add the property at 7005 Old Vernon and remove the property at 4150 Old Vernon Road.

Recommendation(s):

THAT the Regional Board receive the report Ellison Fire Protection Service Area Amendment from the Director of Engineering Services dated September 8, 2022;

AND THAT the Regional District of Central Okanagan Ellison Fire Protection Service Area Amendment Bylaw No. 1509 be given first, second and third readings.

Respectfully Submitted:



David Komaika, Director of Engineering Services

Attachment(s): Petition for the Expansion of the Ellison Fire Protection Service Area
Amendment Bylaw No. 1509
Fire Protection Service Area presentation (pptx)

Strategic Plan Alignment:

Priorities: Sustainable Communities, Choose an item.

Values: Resiliency, Good Governance

Background:

The Regional Board established the Ellison Fire Protection Area via Local Service Establishment Bylaw No. 168, 1979. The bylaw, and its amendments, identify the limits of the fire protection area. Inclusion in the Fire Protection Area will provide the resident a significant reduction in their home insurance costs, typically far greater than the yearly tax requisition.

The Ellison Fire Department currently has a 3B rating from the Fire Underwriters Survey. It maintains this grade by demonstrating adequate training, equipment and access to approved alternative water supplies to via water shuttling (maintained by tanker trucks).

7005 Old Vernon Road

The owners of 7005 Old Vernon Road submitted a petition to the Regional District on August 9th, 2022, requesting an expansion to the Fire Protection Area. This request was reviewed by Fire Services and the Ellison Fire Department to ensure that Fire Underwriters requirements regarding response time (less than 8 minutes) and travel distance (less than 5 km from a fire hall) could be achieved. The property meets both criteria for inclusion in the Fire Service Area.

4150 Old Vernon Road

The proposed bylaw to amend the Ellison Fire Protection Area also includes the removal of the property at 4150 Old Vernon Road. This property was one of 5 parcels incorporated into the City of Kelowna as part of a recent boundary expansion. An adjustment is required to keep the bylaw current with existing municipal boundaries.

The request to amend the Fire Services Area received consideration and consent of the Area Director to proceed with the bylaw to amend the establishment bylaws for the service. The required amending bylaw and petition for expansion are presented for Regional Board consideration.

The Ellison Fire Department currently has a 3B rating from the Fire Underwriters Survey. It maintains this grade by demonstrating adequate training, equipment and access to approved alternative water supplies to via water shuttling (maintained by tanker trucks).

The owners of the property located at 6490 Goudie Road submitted a petition to the Regional District on August 3rd, 2022. This request was reviewed by Fire Services and the Ellison Fire Department to ensure that Fire Underwriters requirements regarding response time (less than 8 minutes) and travel distance (less than 5 km from a fire hall) could be achieved. The property meets both criteria for inclusion in the Fire Service Area.

Following confirmation by Fire Services, the request to expand the Fire Services Area received consideration and consent of the Area Director to proceed with the bylaw to amend the establishment bylaws for the service. The required amending bylaw and petition for expansion are presented for Regional Board consideration.

Considerations:

Organizational/External:

The property located at 4150 Old Vernon Road is within the City of Kelowna's boundaries and will receive fire protection from that jurisdiction.

Financial:

The current tax requisition for the Ellison Fire Protection Area is \$0.5410 per \$1000 of assessment. The maximum rate authorized under the current bylaw is \$1.95 per \$1000 of assessment.

Statutory Authority:

The Regional Board has the authority to amend the fire protection area, by bylaw, as per the Letters Patent granted in 1989 by the Province.

Alternate Recommendation:

THAT the report from the Director of Engineering Services dated September 8, 2022 regarding Regional District Central Okanagan Ellison Fire Protection Service Area Amending Bylaw No. 1509 be received for information.
