



# 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:** Joe Rich Fire Protection Service Area Amendment

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

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**Purpose:** To consider amending the Regional District of Central Okanagan Joe Rich Fire Protection Service Area Establishment Bylaw No. 404, 1989 to include 6490 Goudie Road.

### **Executive Summary:**

The Regional District has received a signed letter of petition from the registered owners of 6490 Goudie Road requesting the expansion of the Joe Rich 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.

RDCO Fire Services confirms that the property is located within 5 kilometres of Joe Rich Goudie Road Fire Station 52 and further advises that given their accessibility, the Joe Rich Fire Department would be capable of providing water shuttle operations and fire protection services to these property.

To add the property to the service area requires an amendment to the fire protection service area through the amending bylaw presented for Board consideration.

### **Recommendation(s):**

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

**AND THAT** the Regional District of Central Okanagan Joe Rich Fire Protection Service Area Amendment Bylaw No. 1508 be given first, second and third readings.

Respectfully Submitted by:

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David Komaike, P.Eng. - Director of Engineering Services

Attachment(s): Amendment Bylaw No. 1508  
Petition for the Expansion of the Joe Rich Fire Protection Service Area  
Fire Protection Service Area presentation (pptx)

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### **Strategic Plan Alignment:**

Priorities: Sustainable Communities, Choose an item.

Values: Resiliency, Good Governance

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### **Background:**

The Regional Board established the Joe Rich Fire Protection Area via Local Service Establishment Bylaw No. 404, 1989. 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 Joe Rich 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 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2022, request an expansion to the Fire Protection Area. This request was reviewed by Fire Services and the Joe Rich 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.

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### **Considerations:**

#### **Financial:**

Current tax requisition for the Joe Rich Fire Protection Area is \$1.2287 per \$1000 of assessment. The maximum rate authorized under the current bylaw is \$2.50 per \$1000 of assessment.

#### **Legal/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 on the Regional District Central Okanagan Joe Rich Fire Protection Service Area Amending Bylaw No. 1508 be received for information.

Considerations not applicable:

- Organizational/External