

## **News Release**

## Fire Protection Services Suspended in Dease Lake

**Terrace, BC- October 20, 2022-** Effective immediately, the Regional District of Kitimat-Stikine (RDKS) has made the difficult decision to suspend fire protection services (exterior operations – structural) until further notice in Dease Lake.

Fire protection services for impacted properties has previously been provided by the Dease Lake Volunteer Fire Department. At this time, there is not enough capacity to respond to fire calls in the Dease Lake Fire Protection Area.

The impacted service area includes RDKS properties in Electoral Area F (Dease Lake). Please see attached map for full details.

The RDKS is providing notice by mail to impacted properties. Property owners will receive this notice in the coming days.

If you have an emergency, please continue to contact BC Ambulance and RCMP, these services will continue. BC Wildfire will also continue to respond to wildfires in this area. To report a wildfire, call 1-800-663-5555.

The RDKS will be assessing options to resume fire protection services in compliance with requirements by the Province of BC. The RDKS regrets the need to suspend this service.

Those with questions can contact RDKS at 250-615-6100 or at info@rdks.bc.ca.

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