

**THOMPSON-NICOLA REGIONAL DISTRICT**

**BYLAW NO. 2599**

A bylaw to establish and regulate Fire Service Advisory Committees within the Thompson-Nicola Regional District Fire Protection Service Areas.

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**WHEREAS** the Thompson-Nicola Regional District has service areas for providing local fire suppression;

**AND WHEREAS** it is in the public interest that Fire Service Advisory Committees be established to provide input and advice into the operation of the fire services;

**NOW THEREFORE** in open meeting assembled, the Board of Directors of the Thompson-Nicola Regional District enacts as follows:

**CITATION**

1. This bylaw may be cited as "Thompson-Nicola Regional District Fire Service Advisory Committees Bylaw No. 2599, 2017."

**DEFINITIONS**

2. In this Bylaw, unless the context otherwise requires:

"**Board**" means the Board of Directors of the Thompson-Nicola Regional District;

"**Electoral Area Director**" means the Director on the Board who represents the Electoral Area that the fire service is in;

"**Fire Service Advisory Committee**" means the volunteer Fire Service Advisory Committee established by this Bylaw, and composed of those individuals appointed in accordance with this bylaw;

"**Participating Service Area**" means any of the participating areas that the Thompson-Nicola Regional District is deemed the Authority Having Jurisdiction pursuant to the British Columbia Fire Service Minimum Training Standard Playbook;

"**Property Owner**" means a registered owner of real property within a Participating Service Area as shown on the British Columbia Assessment Authority roll;

"**Representative**" means an individual appointed to the Fire Service Advisory Committee;

"**Regional District**" means the Thompson-Nicola Regional District.

**APPLICATION**

3. This Bylaw will apply to all Volunteer Fire Departments managed by the Regional District.

### **ESTABLISHMENT OF THE FIRE SERVICE ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

4. A Fire Service Advisory Committee for each Volunteer Fire Department is established as a volunteer body, advisory to the Electoral Area Director, for the purpose of providing local Property Owner input and advice into the development and operation of fire services.
- BL 2672 5. A Fire Service Advisory Committee may consist of up to 5 individuals residing within or owning property within the Participating Service Area. The Electoral Area Director (or designate) and Fire Chief may sit as members of the Fire Service Advisory Committee.
6. The Regional District will advertise for expressions of interest within each Participating Service Area for individuals interested in serving as a Representative on the Fire Service Advisory Committee.
- BL 2672 7. Currently serving firefighters will not be appointed to the Fire Service Advisory Committee. If a Representative ceases to be qualified for any reason, they will be deemed to have resigned from the Fire Service Advisory Committee.
8. The Electoral Area Director representing the Participating Service Area will make recommendations to the Board for appointment to the Fire Service Advisory Committee from those individuals that express an interest and meet the qualifications. Appointment to the Fire Service Advisory Committee will be subject to Board resolution.
9. The term of office for Representatives on a Fire Service Advisory Committee will be three years provided that two Representatives will be appointed for an initial term of two years.
10. The Board may remove or replace a Representative of the Fire Service Advisory Committee at any time.
11. In the event of a vacancy arising on the Fire Service Advisory Committee from any cause other than the expiration of a Representative's term, a new Representative will be sought in accordance with Sections 6, 7 and 8 of this Bylaw to serve the unexpired balance of the original term.

### **ROLE OF THE FIRE PROTECTION COMMITTEE**

12. The Fire Service Advisory Committee will:
  - a) meet as required;
  - b) provide local Property Owner input into the development and prioritization of the annual and 5-year financial plans of the fire services of each of the Participating Service Areas;
  - c) assist in communications between the Regional District and the Property Owners and residents located in the Participating Service Areas;
  - d) provide advice on policies relating to the fire suppression service;

- e) assist with fire-fighter recruitment and retention;
  - f) assist with the development of electoral area and local opportunities to promote the fire service;
  - g) provide advice from a local and electoral area perspective on the evaluation of new services to be offered;
  - h) assist in integrating and addressing local needs and concerns with electoral area issues involving the fire services;
13. The Fire Service Advisory Committee is advisory to the Electoral Area Director and no powers are delegated to it from the Board.

**REPEAL**

14. "Blackpool Fire Department Committee Bylaw No. 550, 1979", "Pritchard Fire Protection Committee Bylaw No.1357, 1993" and "Vavenby Fire Protection Committee Bylaw No. 1394, 1994" and any amendments thereto are hereby repealed.

READ A FIRST TIME this \_\_\_\_\_ 19th \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ January \_\_\_\_\_, 2017.

READ A SECOND TIME this \_\_\_\_\_ 19th \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ January \_\_\_\_\_, 2017.

READ A THIRD TIME this \_\_\_\_\_ 19th \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ January \_\_\_\_\_, 2017.

ADOPTED this \_\_\_\_\_ 19th \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ January \_\_\_\_\_, 2017.

original signed by Corporate Officer  
Corporate Officer

original signed by Chair  
Chair