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**BYLAW**

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**Bylaw for First, Second, and Third Reading**

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**NEW BUSINESS**

**ADJOURNMENT**

**REGIONAL DISTRICT OF BULKLEY-NECHAKO****MEMORANDUM**

**TO: Chair Miller and Board of Directors**

**FROM: Wendy Wainwright  
Executive Assistant**

**DATE: September 26, 2018**

**SUBJECT: Meeting with Eamon O'Donoghue, Regional Executive Director, Skeena, and Diane Nicholls, Chief Forester, Ministry of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development RE: Lakes TSR**

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Staff has been working with the office of Eamon O'Donoghue, Regional Executive Director, Skeena and Diane Nicholls, Chief Forester, Ministry of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development to schedule a meeting to discuss the Lakes Timber Supply Review (TSR) since early July, 2018.

Currently, the only available date to meet in person is the afternoon of October 23, 2018 in the RDBN Board Room.

At this time, staff is seeking direction as to whether the Regional Board wants to move forward with a meeting on October 23, 2018 and the attendees.

**Recommendation: (all/directors/majority)**

**Direction**



# Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Memo Board Agenda – September 27, 2018

**To:** Chair Miller, Director Benedict and Board of Directors  
**From:** John Illes, Chief Financial Officer  
**Date:** September 20, 2018  
**Re:** Area "E" Economic Development Bylaw 1843

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Bylaw 1843, presented later in the agenda, limits the amount of taxation for this service from \$25,000 to \$12,500. The average requisition over the last five years has been \$9700 with last year's requisition being \$6,927.

A year to date budget versus actuals estimate indicates this service will likely have a surplus of \$28,000 for the 2018 year.

Amending this bylaw's maximum taxation amount to a figure closer to the current taxation requisition amount, will provide Area E tax payers with a clearer expectation of their total local service taxes in future years.

I would be pleased to answer any questions.

Recommendation:

(All/Directors/Majority)

"That the Board of the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako receive the Chief Financial Officer's memo dated September 20, 2018 titled 'Area "E" Economic Development Bylaw 1843' and that

"The Board of Directors consider giving bylaw 1843, presented later in the agenda, three readings"



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## MEMORANDUM

To: Regional District Board  
From: Jennifer MacIntyre, Planner I  
Date: September 26, 2018  
Re: Referral from Liquor Distribution Branch

### Introduction

Planning staff received a request for comment regarding the issuance of a Special Event Permit (SEP) from the BC Liquor Control and Licencing Branch (LCLB) for an event with extended hours.

A SEP will allow a host to serve or sell liquor at an event at a location that is not licensed. Event hosts are considered liquor permittees and are responsible for the safety of their guests.

### Proposal

The event is called 'Cancerpalooza' and is to raise funds in support of a person battling with cancer. The event is planned to be held at the Glenwood Hall, located at 3484 Driftwood Road in rural Smithers, from 8 pm Saturday, September 29, 2018 to 3 am Sunday, September 30, 2018. Live music, shuttles and bar service has been arranged.

SEP's require support from the RCMP and Local Government if the event goes passed 2 am. According to the applicant, the RCMP has issued a letter of support for the application.

### RDBN Liquor License Policy

The RDBN Liquor Licensing Policy (2003) outlines the following process regarding Special Occasion Licenses, now referred to as Special Event Permits (SEP).

*The Planning Committee will review public special occasion license applications. A public special event is defined, by the LCLB, as a community or public celebration held in a place open to, or in view of, the public such as a park, an open room in a community center, a business open to the public or an outdoor locations such as a causeway, and, anyone may attend.*

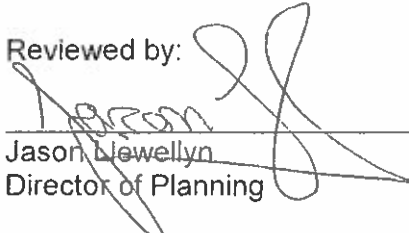
*Notification for local government comment or resolution must be received by the Regional District no less than thirty (30) days prior to the event. The request will then be forwarded, along with a brief report prepared by staff, to the Planning Committee for review and comment at the next available Planning Committee meeting. A copy of the resolution will then be forwarded to the applicant and the LCLB.*

Staff have no concerns regarding the event or the request to extend the time of the event and recommends that the Regional District Board support the issuance of a Special Event Permit.

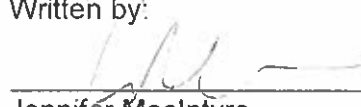
### Recommendation

That the Regional District Board support the issuance of a Special Use Permit for the event 'Cancerpalooza' held at the Glennwood Hall, located at 3484 Driftwood Road, from 8 pm Saturday, September 29, 2018 to 3 am Sunday, September 30, 2018, provided that the RCMP have no concerns.

Reviewed by:

  
Jason Jewell  
Director of Planning

All Directors – All/Directors/Majority  
Written by:

  
Jennifer MacIntyre  
Planner I



## MEMORANDUM

To: Regional District Board  
 From: Jason Llewellyn, Director of Planning  
 Date: September 26<sup>th</sup>, 2018  
 Re: 2018 Wildfire Response and Recovery

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### PURPOSE

This report provides the RDBN Board with an overview of the 2018 Wildfire season and the RDBN's response to, and recovery from, the associated wildfires. This report also provides an overview of the recovery efforts currently underway.

### 2018 WILDFIRE SEASON OVERVIEW

#### ORDERS AND ALERTS

The RDBN established an Emergency Operations Centre (EOC) in response to interface fires in mid-July. The EOC remains operational in support of ongoing recovery efforts. In total the RDBN responded to 15 separate wildfires across the region that involved Evacuation Alerts and / or Evacuation Orders. The RDBN has a State of Local Emergency in place from August 1<sup>st</sup> to September 20<sup>th</sup>, 2018. The estimated number of dwellings, businesses, and other uses within Evacuation Alert and Order areas are summarised in the following table. The information below represents the situation when the Evacuation Order for each wildfire was at its greatest extent.

2018 WILDFIRE EVACUATION ORDER AND ALERT ACTIVITY				
WILDFIRE NAME	ELECT. AREA	ON ALERT	ON ORDER	EVENT DURATION
Cheslatta Lake	D, E	26 dwellings	3 dwellings	August 18 to Sept. 12
Discovery Creek / Germanson Landing	C	10 dwellings	27 dwellings	August 17 to Sept. 1
Dog Creek Trail Fire	C, F	52 dwellings	n/a	July 18 to July 21
Gilmore Lake	G	1 dwellings	7 dwellings	August 7 to August 31
Island Lake	D, E	41 dwellings	430 dwellings	August 2 to present
Nadina Lake	E	383 dwellings	250 dwellings	August 1 to present

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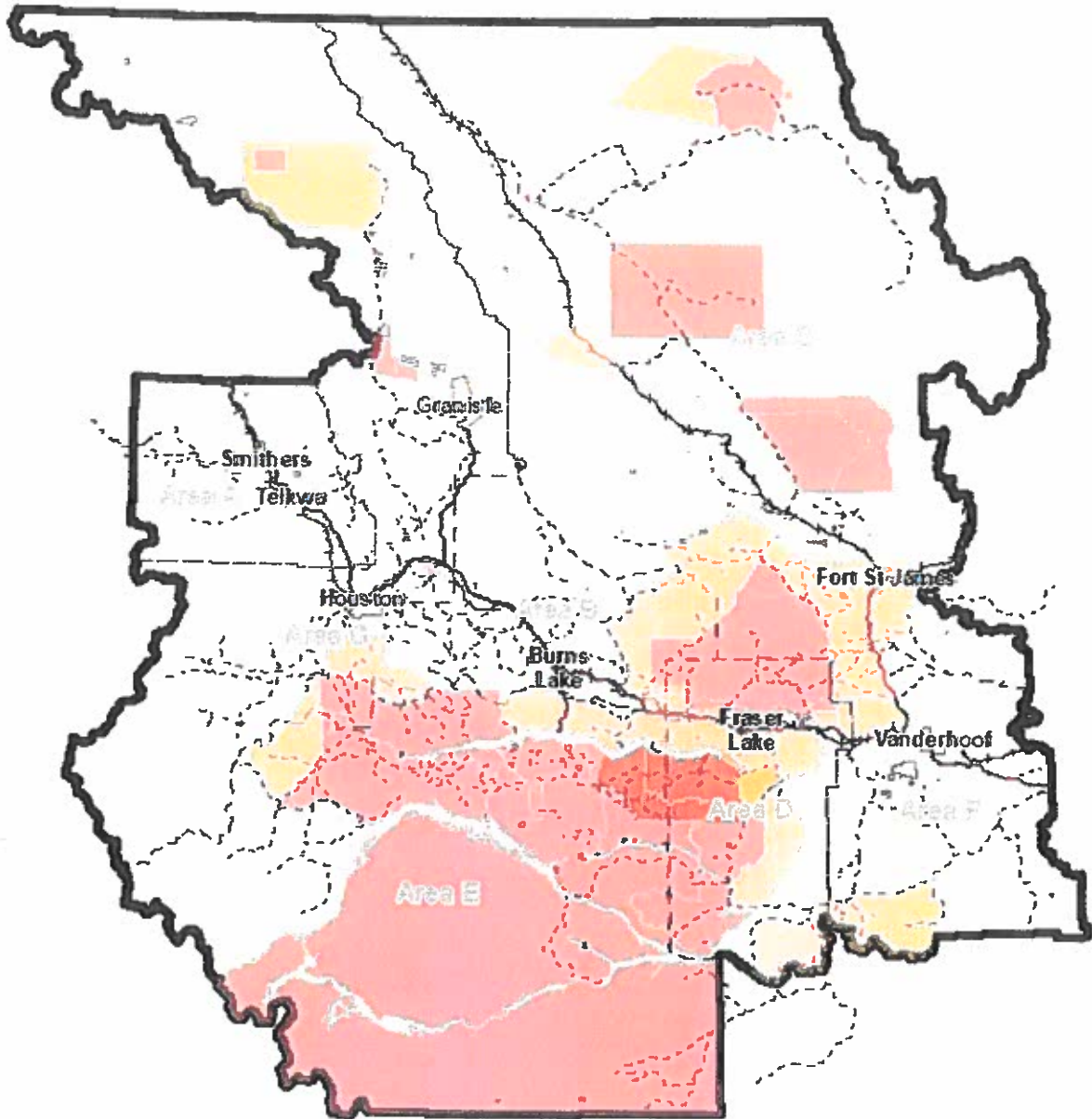
Purvis Lake	C	n/a	2 lodges	Aug 2 to Sept 3
Sakenichie	C	10 dwellings 2 lodges	n/a	Aug 24 to Sept 3
Shovel Lake	B, D, E	940 dwellings	289 dwellings	July 29 to Sept. 2, 2018
Tezzeron Lake	C		2 dwellings 1 lodge	August 23 to September 10
Torkelsen Lake	G	n/a	64 dwellings	August 6 to Sept 7,
Tweedsmuir Complex	E, D	n/a	3 lodges	August 10 to present
Finger Tatuk and Chutanli Lake Fire	D, F	2 lodges	n/a	August 7 to Sept 3
Verdun	E	n/a	479 dwellings and multiple businesses	August 1 to present
West Babine River	G	2 lodges	1 lodge	August 2 to Sept. 8

In total the RDBN EOC issued a total of 64 Evacuation Alerts, Evacuation Orders, and Evacuation Alert and Order expansions. A total of 1550 known dwellings were put on evacuation order. In addition to the above Evacuation Orders and Alerts a significant portion of the Fort St. James population, and area First Nations voluntarily evacuated.

### EMERGENCY SUPPORT SERVICES (ESS) PROVIDED

The RDBN EOC operated the reception centre in Burns Lake, and supported the reception centres established in Smithers and Fraser Lake. Most residents requiring commercial accommodation were directed to the reception centre established in Prince George, 100 Mile House, Chetwynd, and Williams Lake. The majority of RDBN residents requiring commercial accommodation were accommodated in Prince George. Preliminary reception centre activity data is summarized in the following table. Missing data has not yet been calculated.

2018 WILDFIRE RECEPTION CENTRE ACTIVITY				
Reception Centre Location	Registrations	Renewals	Commercial Lodging	Support \$
Burns Lake	943	1137	?	\$566,224
Smithers	211	460	?	\$260,000
Fraser Lake	66	22	?	\$14,700
Prince George	2928	?	1120	\$1,075,877



### STRUCTURE LOSS

The RDBN has confirmed the following structure losses. The RDBN worked to ensure that all impacted residents were made aware of their loss as soon as possible.

STRUCTURE LOSS DATA		
WILDFIRE NAME	DWELLINGS	OTHER BUILDINGS
Island Lake	0	5 abandoned structures
Nadina Lake and Verdun	7 dwellings	40 various other buildings
Shovel Lake	0	1 cabin and institutional buildings

## EVACUATION ORDER AREA ACCESS PERMITS

Where Evacuation Orders were put in place the RDBN established a process to allow people and goods to enter into Evacuation Order areas for legitimate reasons provided that the area being entered was safe for the extent of the access. No permits were issued to allow residents to enter and remain in an evacuation order area. Fire Warden escorts were required for certain permits where warranted due to fire risk in the area.

It is noted that the RDBN did not become involved in the process to grant access into an Evacuation Order area for people involved with the BC Wildfire Service and Office of the Fire Commissioner (OFC) firefighting activities. The RDBN assisted in the BC Wildfire Service placement of a liaison person at the north side of the Francois Lake Ferry Terminal to assist the RCMP in the identification of legitimate BC Wildfire Service related personnel and support staff.

The permit types are described below along with a table showing the number of permits processed and approved.

**Residential Access Permits** were issued to allow residents to enter an Evacuation Order area for a critical reason. These permits were approved by the BC Wildfire Service Incident Commander and the RDBN EOC Director.

**Basis Necessities Drop-Off Permits** were issued to allow parties to deliver supplies for drop-off at the Southside Ferry terminal. Deliveries were required to occur between the hours of 900 and 1700 to avoid conflict with OFC and BC Wildfire crews. These permits were not required to be approved by the Incident Commander.

**Essential Service Access Permits** were granted to providers of essential services (Ferry Operator, MoTI, BC Hydro, Telus, etc.) who require access into an Evacuation Order area to maintain, fix, inspect or operate infrastructure or provide an essential service.

**Pass Through Permits** were issued to allow a person to pass through an Evacuation Order Area.

**Livestock Access Permits** were issued to allow people to enter into an Evacuation Order Area to collect, feed, water, or otherwise care for livestock.

**First Nations Access Permits** were processed by the RDBN at the request of First Nations. First Nations have jurisdiction over reserve lands and are responsible for issuing Evacuation Orders on reserve lands. Therefore, the RDBN has no authority to approve access to reserve lands under Evacuation Order issued by a First Nation. This authority and responsibility rests with the First Nation. However, the RDBN agreed to requests from the Cheslatta and Skin Tyee First Nation that the RDBN assist them in issuing access permits for their



members. It is noted that the RDBN only facilitated processing of the permit paperwork. Approval of the permits was provided by an authorized representative of the First Nation.

EVACUATION ORDER AREA ACCESS PERMITS						
PERMIT TYPE	Residential Access	Basic Necessities	Essential Service	Pass Through	Livestock	First Nations
PERMITS PROCESSED	330	47	31	9	72	40
PERMITS ISSUED	224	47	29	8	72	40

## LIVESTOCK ISSUES

### Livestock Relocation

The RDBN EOC, with support from the Ministry of Agriculture and the Ministry of Forest, Lands, Natural Resource and Rural Development, facilitated the evacuation of livestock, and obtained approvals for associated cost recovery for commercial operators. Livestock relocation and support activity is summarized in the following table. It is noted that these figures are preliminary and unconfirmed. The RDBN EOC continues to process applications for retroactive financial support for livestock relocation.

2018 WILDFIRE COMMERCIAL LIVESTOCK RELOCATION ACTIVITY						
Wildfire	Cattle	Horses	Sheep	Goats	Pigs	Estimated Support \$
Cheslatta	0	12	49	0	0	\$9,000
Gilmore	20	15	8	0	1	\$14,000
Nadina Lake	757	35	100	0	0	\$186,000
Shovel Lake	213	11	8		1	\$29,500
Verdun	846	63	354	699	8	\$175,000

The EOC also worked with non-commercial livestock owners to facilitate relocation and accommodation. The EOC recruited community volunteers from Vanderhoof, Houston, Burns Lake, and the Southside to assist in the coordination of relocation and accommodation efforts for non-commercial livestock.

### Eagle Creek Fairground Support

The Eagle Creek Fairground played a notable role housing commercial and non-commercial livestock. In support of the fairground the following (estimated) Provincial Government funding was applied for, and approved.

- Water Hauling \$6,000
- Non- commercial feed \$12,000
- Restoration \$30,000

### **Emergency Hay Program**

The RDBN secured up to \$891,000 in funding from the Province to implement an emergency hay program for commercial livestock owners in a situation where they cannot use their normal forage supply as a result of wildfire related activities. This program has been extended until October 19<sup>th</sup>, 2018.

BC Ministry of Agriculture staff have been assisting in the administration of this program to date. The RDBN has secured Provincial Government funding to hire a contractor to further administer the program until October 19<sup>th</sup>.

### **Riders Assistance Program for Cattle Producers**

The BC Cattleman's Association provided assistance to cattle producers who need to gather cattle affected by wildfires. The program provided funding assistance and WCB coverage for riders herding, sorting, and moving cattle/livestock. The Province provided \$15,000 in support of this program.

## **THE RECOVERY PROCESS**

The RDBN's recovery efforts are supported by a Recovery Manager, Ruth Thistle, hired using funding provided by the Provincial Government. The Recovery Manager, and RDBN staff will continue to work with the Province, recovery professionals throughout the province, and NGO's to identify solutions to the recovery issues.

A number of areas throughout the RDBN were evacuated and suffered the inconvenience of being away from home and extremely smoky conditions. However, Southside residents also suffered the effects of an extended power loss and many properties were directly impacted by the fire, and fire suppression activities. Therefore, recovery efforts have focused on the needs of the Southside.

### **WILDFIRE RECOVERY AND RESILIENCY CENTRE**

The RDBN organized the establishment of a Wildfire Recovery and Resiliency Centre to make it easier for residents to connect with organizations and agencies that can assist residents with recovery from the 2018 wildfires. The Nee Tai Buhn, Skin Tyee, and Cheslatta Carrier First Nations were invited to participate in the process. The event has allowed the RDBN and other agencies in better understanding the community's recovery needs. The recovery centre, located at the Grassy Plains Hall was open from 2 pm to 7 pm on September 23<sup>rd</sup> to 27<sup>th</sup>.

The following agencies and organizations accepted the RDBN's invitation to attend the recovery centre in support of the community.

- BC Wildfire Service Property Damage Claims (1 day only)
- BC Hydro
- Telus
- Ministry of Forest, Lands, Natural Resource and Rural Development
- Emergency Management BC
- The Southside Relief Team
- Rural and Economic Development BC
- Lakes Animal Friendship Society
- Community Futures Nadina
- Lakes District Family Enhancement Society (food bank)
- Red Cross
- Health Emergency Management BC
- Mennonite Disaster Service

The following agencies, organizations, and First Nation declined the RDBN's invitation to participate in the Recovery and Resiliency Centre.

- Service BC
- Northern Health (request for Environmental Health Officers)

## RECOVERY ISSUES

### Uninsured Structure and Content Loss

There are no Provincial or Federal funding sources available to compensate residents for uninsured structure loss, content loss, or property damage.

Disaster Financial Assistance (DFA) is not available to cover "*costs or expenses ... for which insurance was reasonably and readily available*". The Province considers that fire Insurance is reasonably and readily available for single family residential homes across all of BC. Affordability is not a consideration. Fire damage, including wildfires, is insurable and therefore not eligible for DFA.

Unfortunately, a number of the residents who have suffered structure loss or property damage from the wildfires do not have insurance to cover the loss. The cost of insurance for the necessary coverage is relatively high and not available from all insurance brokers, especially when wood heat is the primary heating method. Also, there are situations where certain insurance providers declined to provide fire insurance coverage following the 2017 fire season, and residents may have been left unable to arrange alternative coverage in time for the 2018 wildfire season.

## **Business Loss**

A number of businesses have experienced disruptions in their operations, and loss of revenue as a result of the wildfires. Community Futures has agreed to participate in the Wildfire Recovery and Resiliency Centre for 2 of the 5 days to identify businesses that may require guidance, and advice. However, no funding sources have been identified to provide financial support to businesses which have suffered loss.

The RDBN was able to secure financial support for a RDBN business which suffered financial loss because of their accommodation of pets for evacuees.

## **Food Loss**

Approximately 176 households were without electricity for an extended period. Many of the residents lost chest freezers full of food, in addition to the food in the kitchen fridge. Also, many gardens in evacuation order areas, which provide winter supply of food, were not harvested.

The Lakes District Family Enhancement Society (food bank), as well as the Southside Relief team, have been distributing food to Southside residents in need, and the RDBN has secured funding to cover the operational costs associated with food distribution.

## **Fridges and Freezers**

As noted, approximately 176 homes were without electricity for an extended period. The RDBN obtained funding from the Province to contract with the Village of Burns Lake to collect fridges and freezers, that were ruined by spoiled food, from residential properties on the Southside on September 28<sup>th</sup> and October 1<sup>st</sup>. People with fridges or freezers needing disposal as a result of the power outage associated with the 2018 wildfires were advised to contact the RDBN to register for pickup.

Residents were advised that all fridges and freezers should be placed on the driveway in a location accessible by truck. The fridges and freezers must also be clean or well-sealed with shrink wrap or duct tape to prevent leakage. Unfortunately, there is no Provincial Government, or other, funding available for fridge and freezer replacement.

Southside Transfer Station hours were extended to Sunday, Wednesday, Friday, and Saturday from 10:00 am to 6:00 pm to accommodate fridge and freezer drop-off.

## **Firewood**

Wood burning appliances are the primary, or only, heating method for many residents on the Southside. Given the length of time the area was under Evacuation Order, and the time of year that the order was in place, many residents were unable to secure their winter firewood supply. Also, the available local wood supply has been impacted by the wildfires.

The RDBN is working with the Chinook Community Forest, which has offered to donate machinery time necessary to provide 200 cords of firewood to residents of the Southside. The RDBN is waiting for confirmation that the Province approves the funding request to cover the fuel and some equipment operator time.

## **Danger Tree Removal**

Danger tree removal along driveways and from around buildings is expected to be a long term problem and safety issue for residents. A funding request to the Province to provide financial assistance to residents was denied. Staff continue to work on this issue with a NGO, and are hopeful that a second request for funding approval will be supported by the Province.

## **BC Hydro**

Fortunately, the majority of hydro poles on private property damaged by wildfire on the Southside were owned by BC Hydro. Therefore, BC Hydro replaced this infrastructure. It is noted that, in staff's opinion, BC Hydro should be commended for the speed in which their infrastructure was repaired and electricity was restored.

Unfortunately, there will be costs to residents who have suffered damage to private infrastructure, and do not have insurance. Staff are currently evaluating the extent of this issue, and hope to have a better understanding following discussions with residents at the Recovery and Resiliency Centre. Staff are unaware of any funding sources to assist residents with BC Hydro related costs.

BC Hydro will apply a credit to the account for the electricity consumed during the period customers have been forced out of their home or business due to an Evacuation Order. In addition, BC Hydro will waive all charges from the last bill, including any charges for electricity used prior to the wildfire, for customers that have lost their homes due to the wildfires. Also, BC Hydro customers put on Evacuation Alert may be able to defer bill payments to a later date or arrange a flexible payment plan. Customers are encouraged to call BC Hydro's customer team at 1 800 BCHYDRO (1 800 224 9376) to discuss options.

## **Property Damage from Firefighting Efforts**

The BC Wildfire Service (BCWS) and the Office of the Fire Commissioner expended great effort in protecting homes from burning. Unfortunately, some of these efforts will have caused damage to private property. Compensation for damage to property due to wildfire suppression efforts may be available from the BC Wildfire Service.

Residents are directed to send an e-mail to [BCWSClaims2018@gov.bc.ca](mailto:BCWSClaims2018@gov.bc.ca) for more information. Residents must submit a letter to the above e-mail address, or regular mail documenting the damage to their property. Unfortunately, the BC Wildfire Service Claims Representative is only available to attend the Wildfire Recovery and Resiliency Centre to answer questions regarding this process on Tuesday the 25<sup>th</sup>.

Staff have explained to the BCWS staff responsible for the claims process that the process should not be reliant only on e-mail given the lack of internet availability for many residents.

## **Emotional Stress**

The Province has approved the RDBN's request for mental health workers, and volunteers to attend the Wildfire Recovery and Resiliency Centre, and be available to support residents. Staff are also working with Northern Health to ensure longer term capacity in the region as necessary to support of local residents impacted by the wildfires.

## **AGRICULTURE RECOVERY ISSUES**

RDBN staff have worked closely with staff from the Ministry of Agriculture on the above recovery issues. Also, the Ministry had good representation at the RDBN's EOC and the Wildfire Recovery and Resiliency Centre; therefore, they have a good understanding of the agriculture community's recovery needs. Staff's understanding is that the Province is currently evaluation the recovery programs to be implemented for the 2018 wildfires.

## **Non-Commercial Animal Feed**

As noted above the RDBN secured up to \$891,000 in funding from the Province to implement an emergency hay program for commercial livestock owners in a situation where they cannot use their normal forage supply as a result of wildfire related activities. This program is in effect until October 19<sup>th</sup>, 2018.

Unfortunately, there is no funding source available at this time to assist the owners of non-commercial livestock or hobby farms, who face challenges associated with the increased cost and availability of feed as a result of the wildfire.

### **Agriculture Fencing on Private Land**

There was notable loss of fencing on private land on the Southside from the wildfire. This is causing safety issues, and conflict in the community, as livestock are roaming on the roads, becoming a nuisance, and causing damage to property. The loss of fencing on private land is insurable through private insurance companies; therefore, according to Provincial Policy, replacement costs are not eligible for coverage by Disaster Financial Assistance or any Ministry of Agriculture programs.

In 2017 the Ministry of Agriculture's AgriRecovery program mitigated the impact of lost fences on private land. The program covered up to 70% of the labour costs to rebuild private land fences. To date no 2018 AgriRecovery program has been announced. RDBN staff continue to lobby for reinstatement of this program, or another method of support, for fence replacement on private lands.

If fencing on private land was damaged by fire suppression activities costs associated with repair may be recoverable through the BC Wildfire Service Claims process.

### **Agriculture Fencing on Range Lands and along Highway Right of Way**

The RDBN has been informed that the Province will fund the necessary construction of fencing on Crown Range. The RDBN are seeking more information on the process to re-establish fencing along Highway right of ways.

### **Agriculture Insurance and Income Protection Programs**

The Ministry of Agriculture offers three mainstream Insurance and Income Protection Programs to assist producers; however, programs require individuals to be pre enrolled.

AgriInvest is a self-managed producer-government savings account that allows producers to set money aside which can be used to recover from small income shortfalls, or to make investments to reduce on-farm risks. AgriInvest serves as a savings account for you to use as needed (under the program guidelines), where you set aside funds and receive matching government support for some of it.

AgriInsurance (a.k.a. Crop Insurance) is a program that stabilizes a producer's income by minimizing the economic effects of crop production losses caused by natural hazards. This program has been in place for numerous years and producers must enroll annually in late winter /early spring.

AgriStability provides support when producers experience a large margin decline. This program will support producer that have an income loss as a result of wildfires.

The 2017 the AgriStability Enhancement Program allowed agricultural producers to enroll late and without penalty into the existing AgriStability program. This program is not available in 2018.

## **REDUCED FEDERAL AND PROVINCIAL SUPPORT FOR RECOVERY**

The following programs were in place to support BC residents impacted by wildfires in 2017. Unfortunately, many of these programs are not in place for RDBN residents in 2018, at the time of the writing of this report.

It is noted that the Red Cross programs implemented in 2017 were possible because the Province of BC provided 100 million dollars of funding to the Red Cross in 2017. This year the Red Cross was provided only 1 million dollars for recovery efforts in the Province. The efforts of the Red Cross in support of RDBN residents in 2018 are appreciated; however, their ability to support local residents is limited.

**The Canadian Red Cross Community Partnerships Program** funded projects by community organizations working towards relief, recovery and resilience-building of communities affected by the 2017 wildfires.

**The Canadian Red Cross Support to Small Business Program** provided financial assistance to small businesses affected by the 2017 wildfires.

**The Canada-British Columbia Wildfire Recovery Initiative** helped agricultural producers with the extraordinary expenses necessary for recovery from the 2017 wildfires.

**The Farm Business Recovery Advisory Services Program** assisted farmers and ranchers understand the adverse effects of the 2017 wildfires on their production and financial situation. The program remains available for 2018 and provides access to basic financial analysis, specialized business planning and coaching services.

**The British Columbia AgriStability Enhancement Program** allowed agricultural producers to enroll late and without penalty into the existing AgriStability program, and includes some enhancements to the program for 2017 only.



## NON GOVERNMENT WILDFIRE RECOVERY ORGANIZATIONS

The following NGOs have been identified as providing support to RDBN residents in support of recovery from the 2018 wildfire season. These groups are in addition to the many agencies, groups, and individuals (such as the Postmen) that provided time, money, donations, and effort in support of response to and recovery from the wildfires in 2018.

The **Wildfire Disaster Relief Fund** has been established by the Burns Lake Community Foundation to support registered societies and non-profit organizations who are impacted by the wildfires or who are providing wildfire disaster relief in the area. This fund was launched as a result of a \$100,000 inaugural donation from Rio Tinto BC Works.

The **Canadian Red Cross** has had a presence in the RDBN for a number of weeks. They have donated 500 clean up kits to RDBN residents, and have been meeting with impacted residents to identify individual support needs. The Red Cross has maintained a significant presence at the RDBN's Wildfire Recovery and Resiliency Centre, and will continue to meet with residents one on one into the future.

The **Southside Relief Team** has been established by a group of residents to provide support to Southside residents by identifying unmet needs, facilitating the delivery of food and other donated, and assisting in the distribution of donated items.

The **Lakes District Family Enhancement Society** (Food Bank) has been very active in collecting and distributing food to Southside residents in need.

The **Mennonite Disaster Service** has been evaluating recovery needs and will be evaluation their ability to provide recovery services.

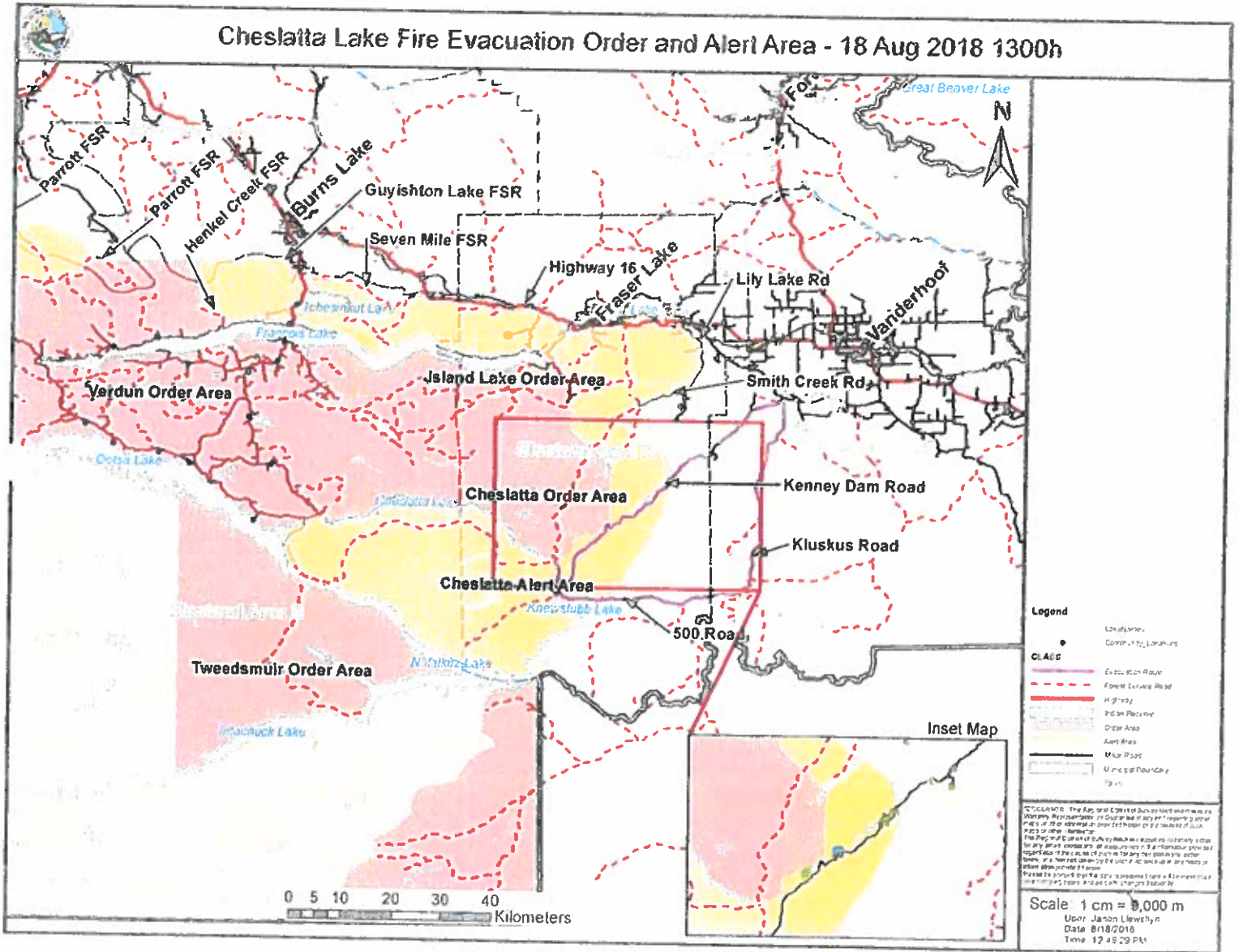
### Recommendation

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*All Directors/ Majority*

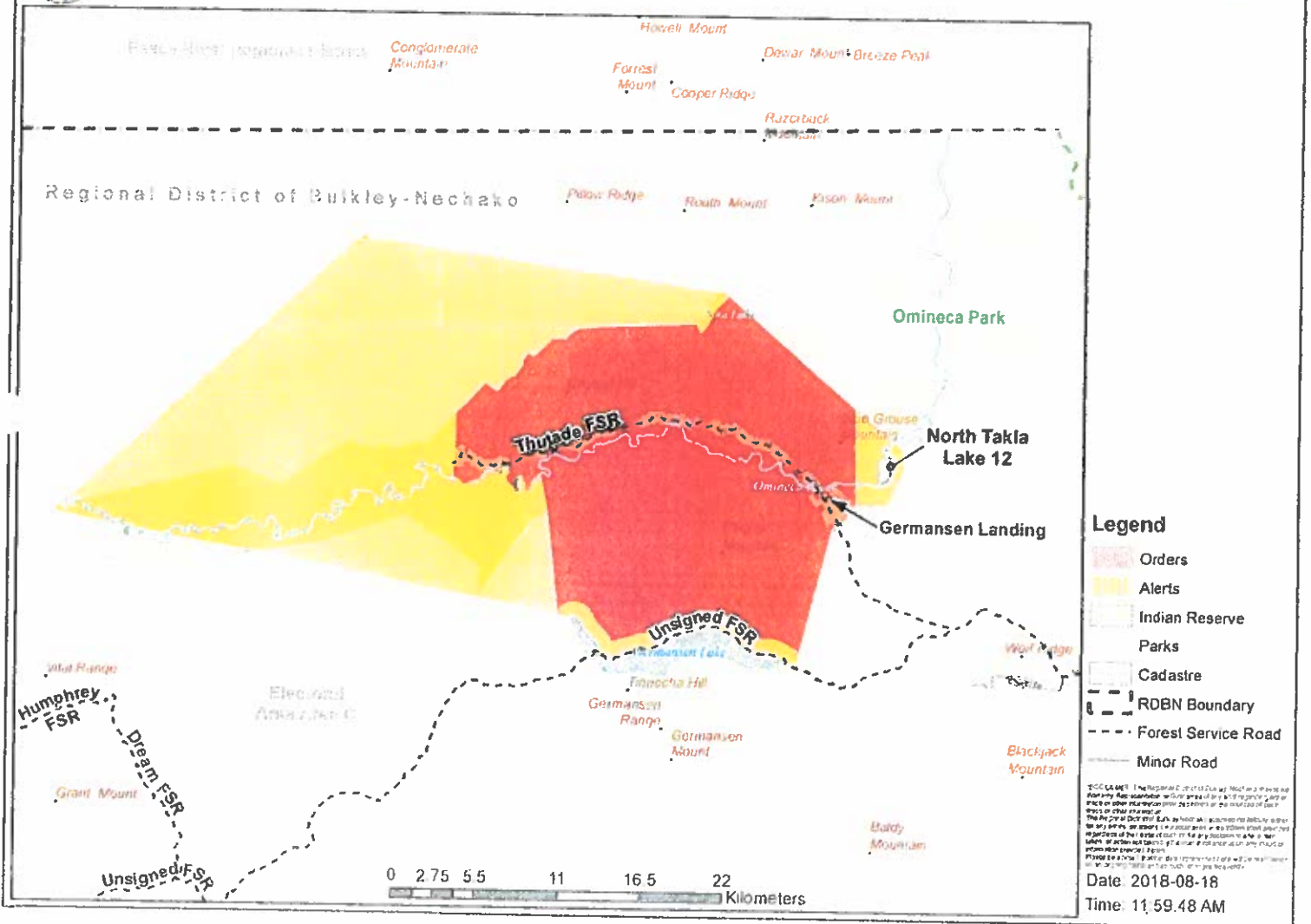
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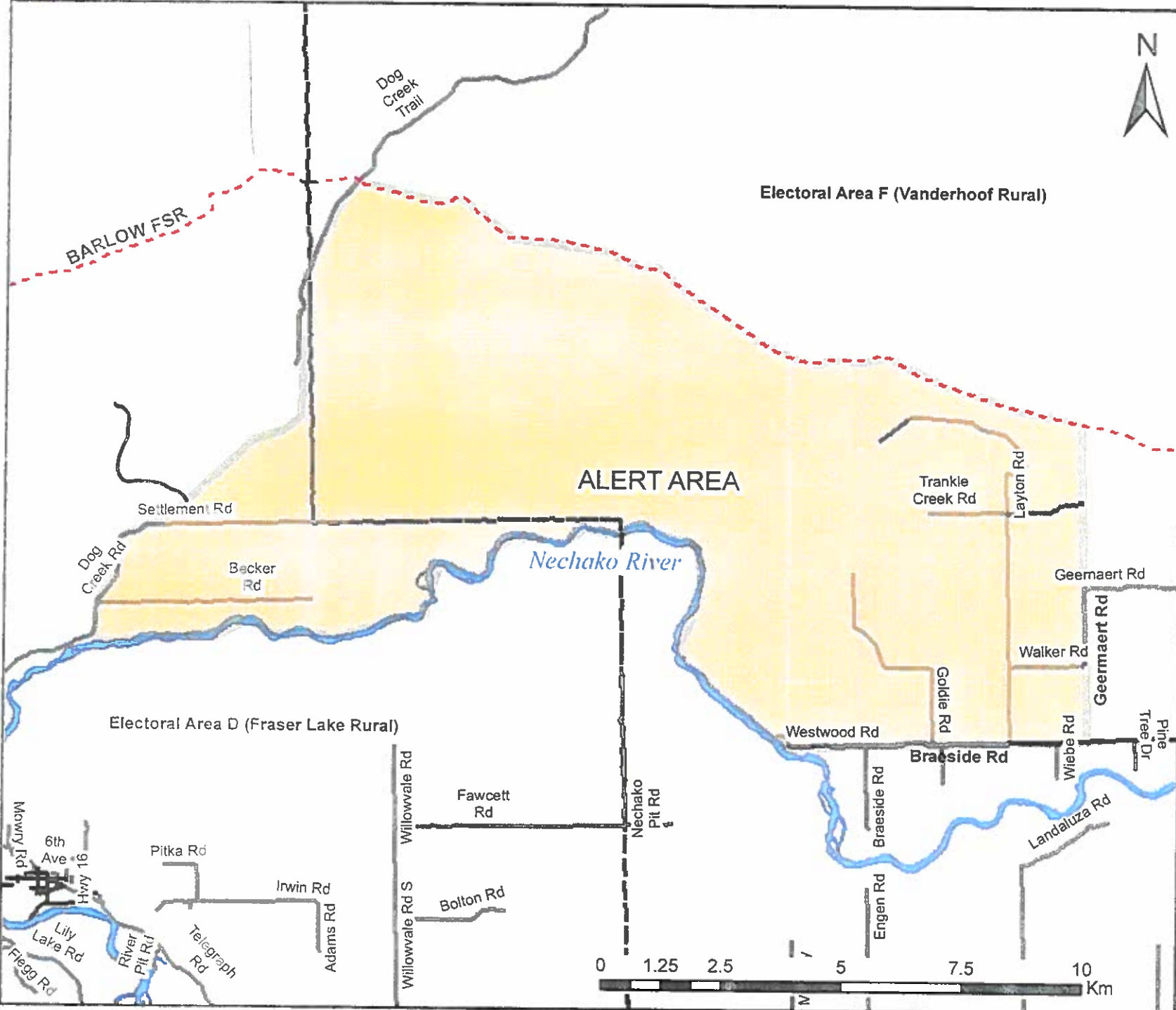


# Discovery Creek/Germansen Landing Wildfire Order and Alert Areas - 18 Aug 2018 1200h

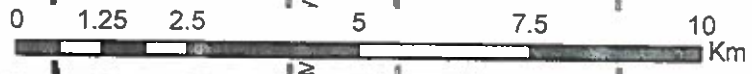




# Dog Creek Evacuation Alert Area 18 July 2018 1200h

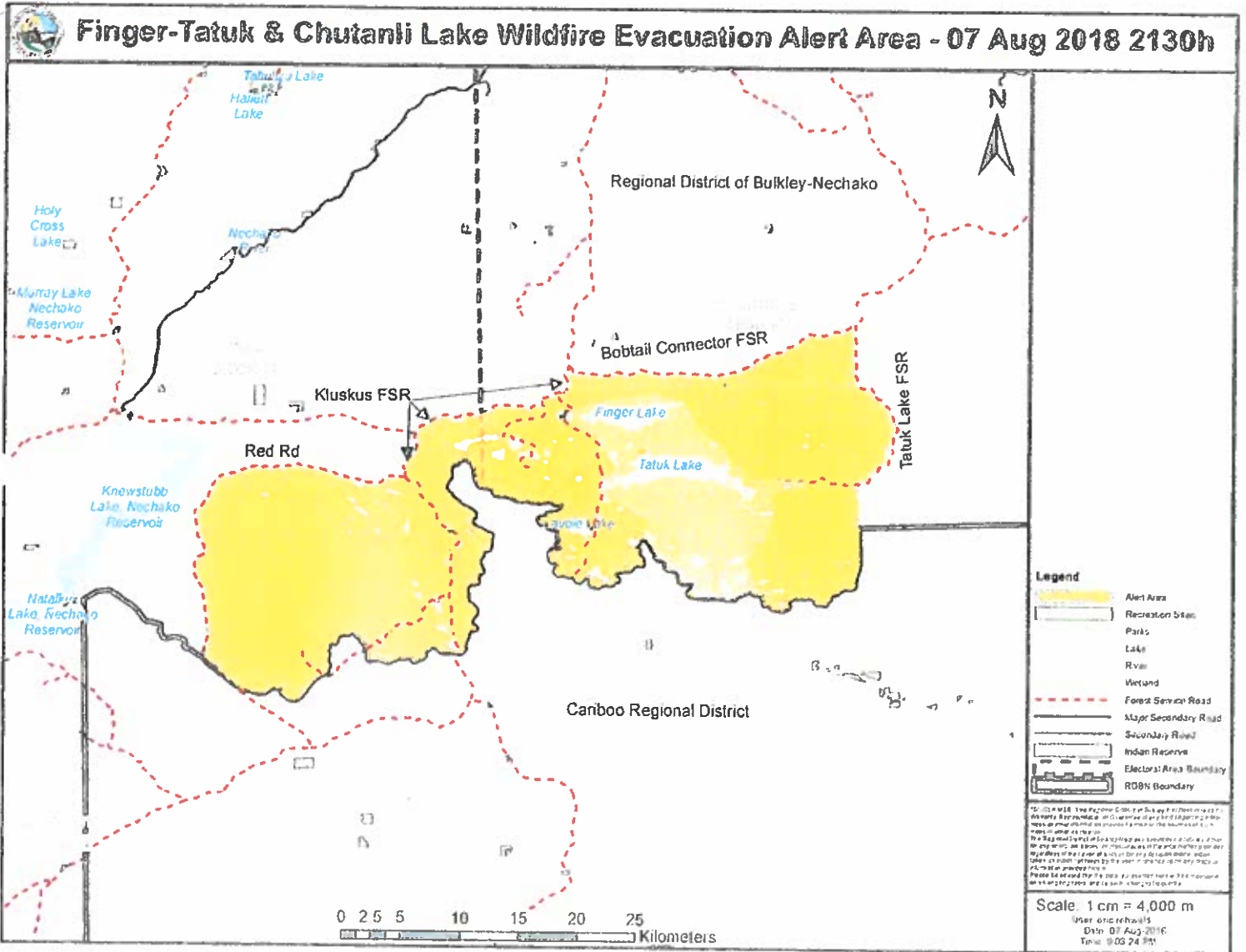


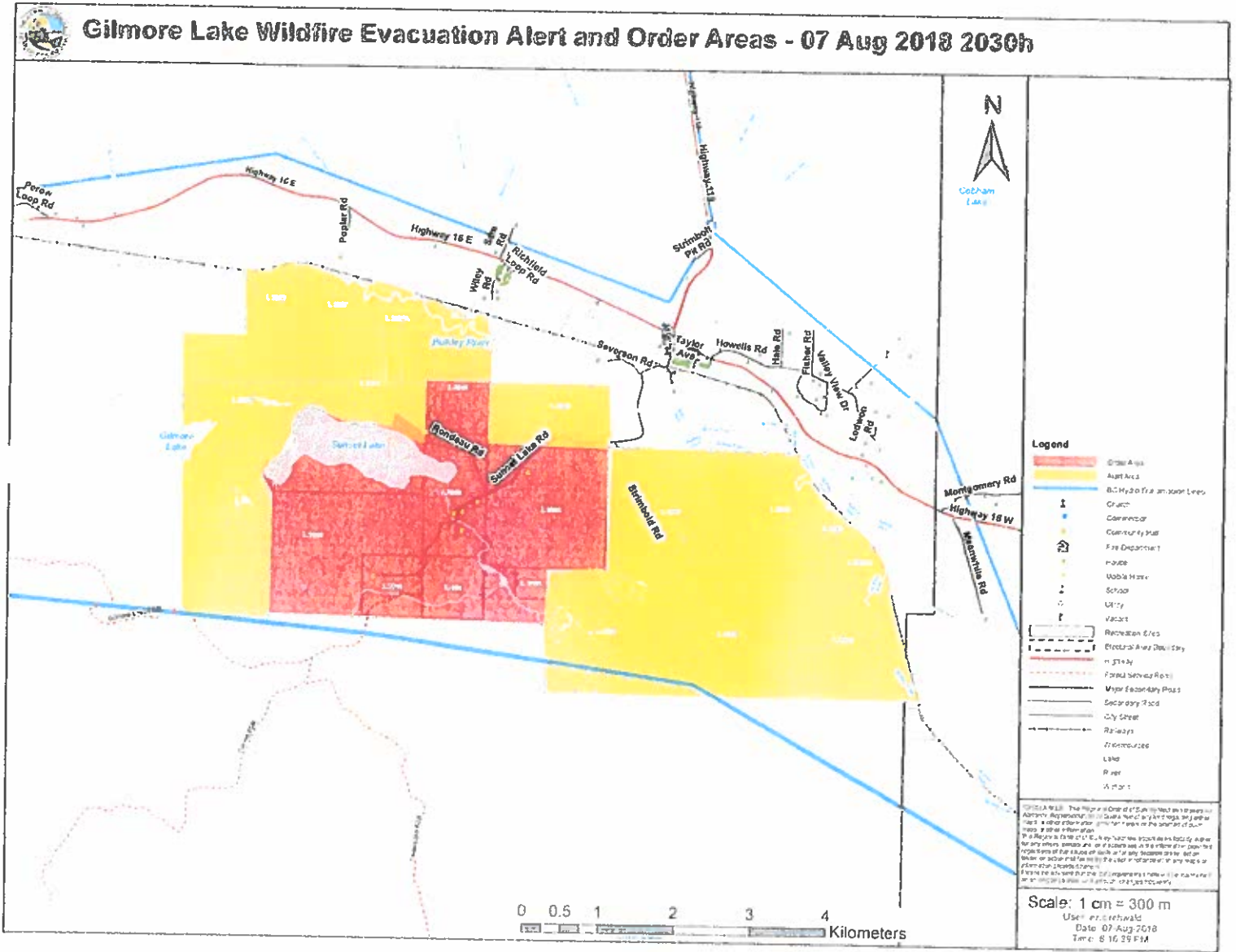
- Legend**
- Alert Area
  - Forest Service Road
  - Ferry
  - Highway
  - Major Secondary Road
  - Secondary Road
  - City Street
  - Trail
  - Paved
  - Parks or Protected Areas
  - Electoral Area Boundary

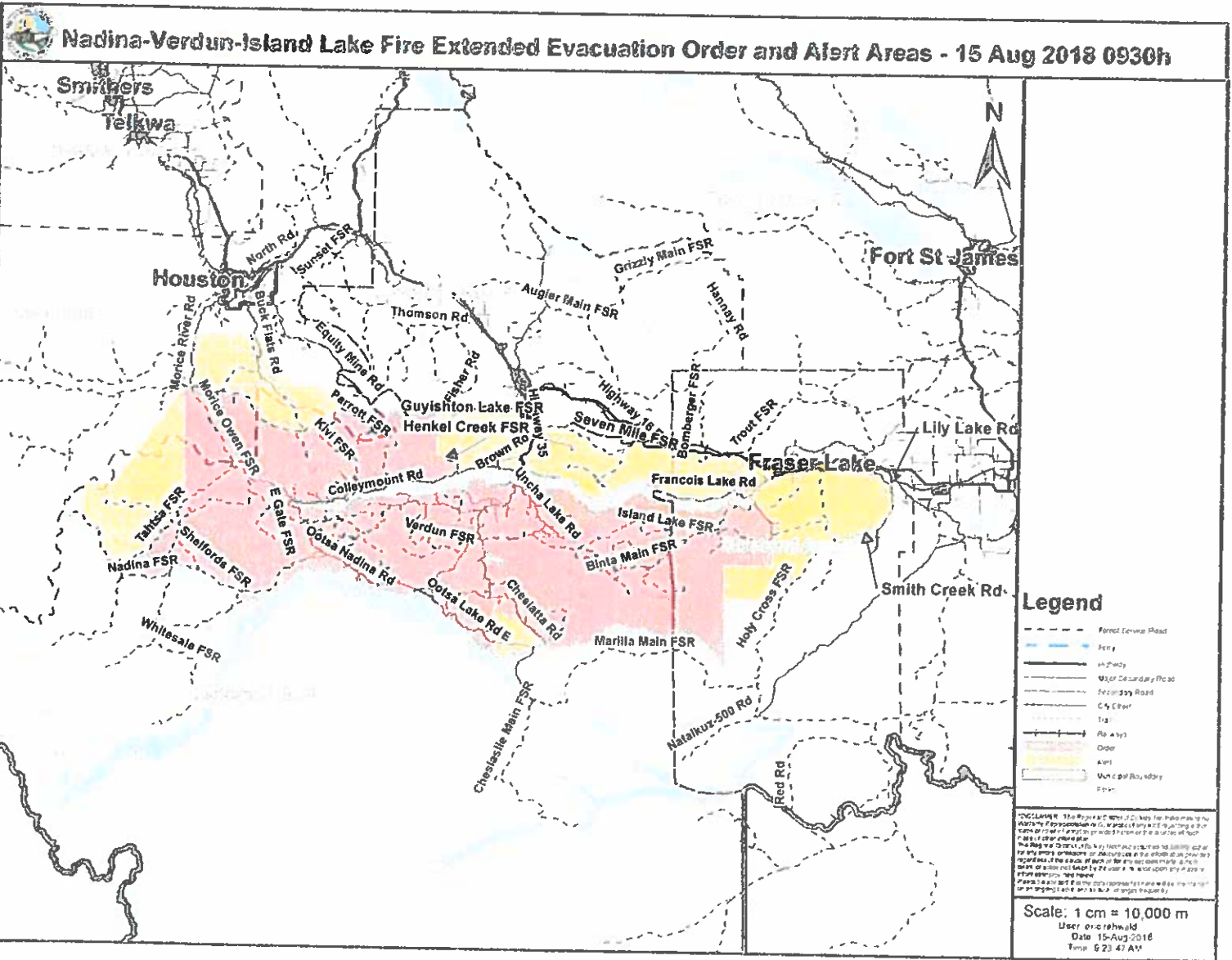


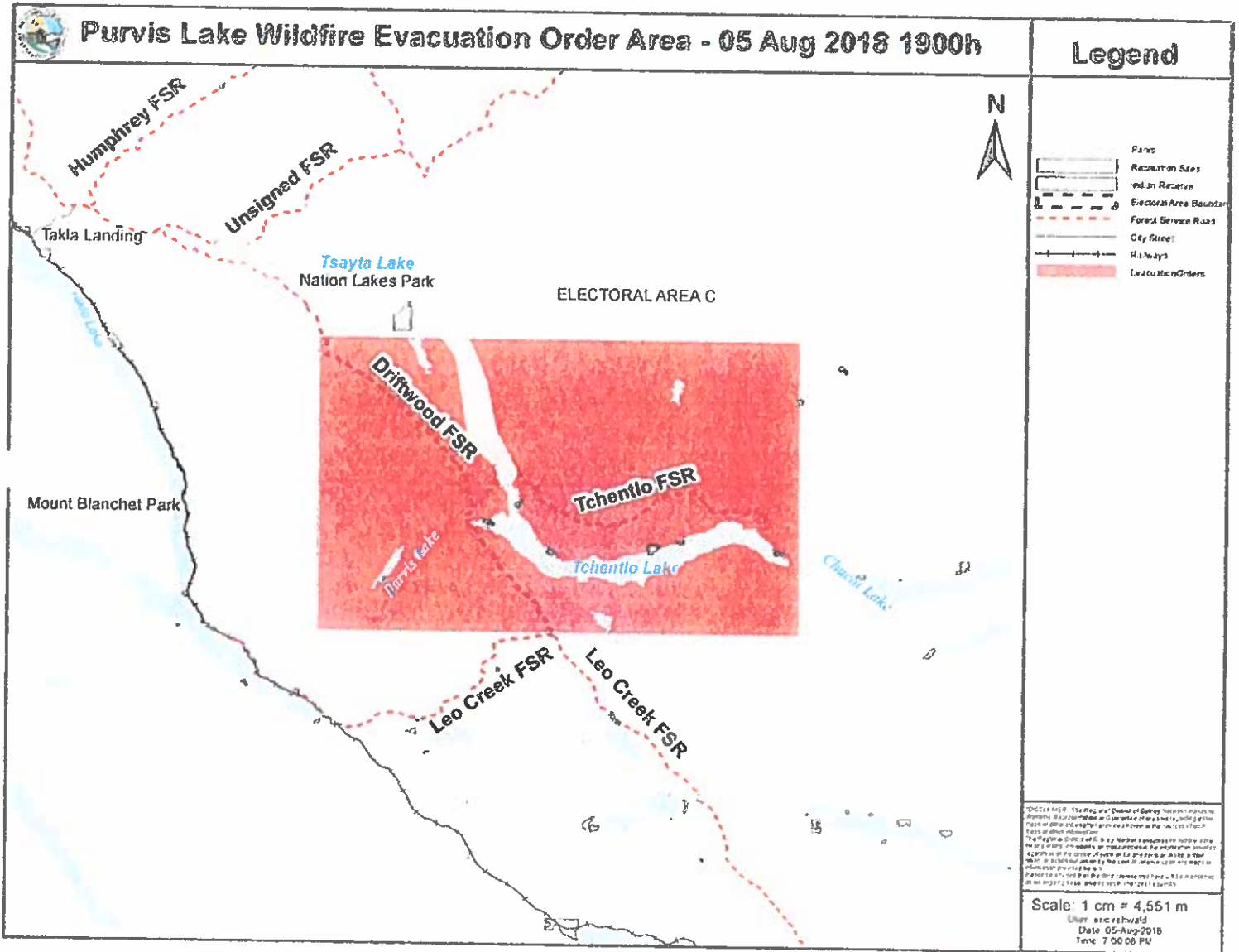
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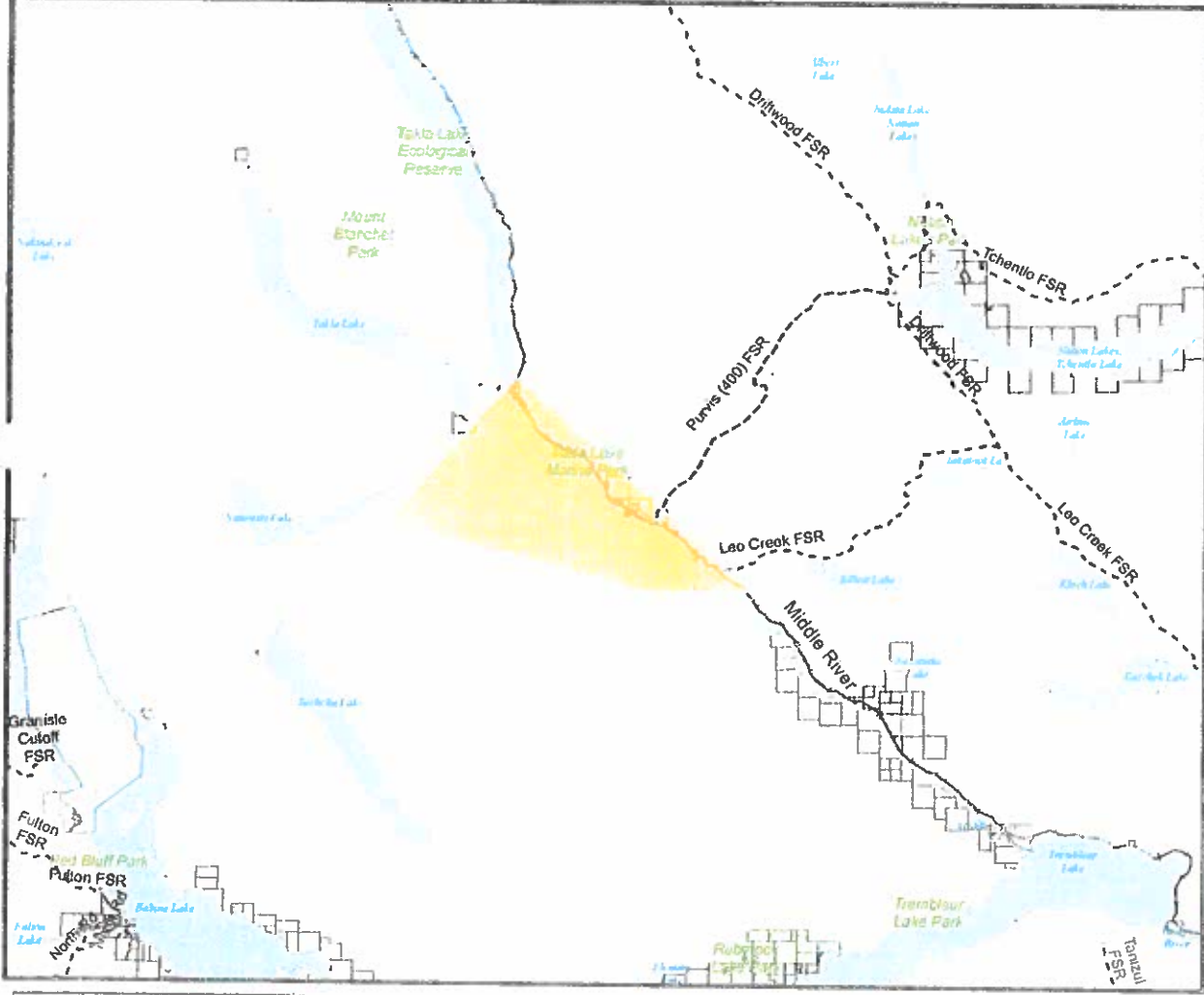








# Sakenichie Fire G51653 (south of Takla Lake) Evacuation Alert Area - 24 Aug 2018 2100h



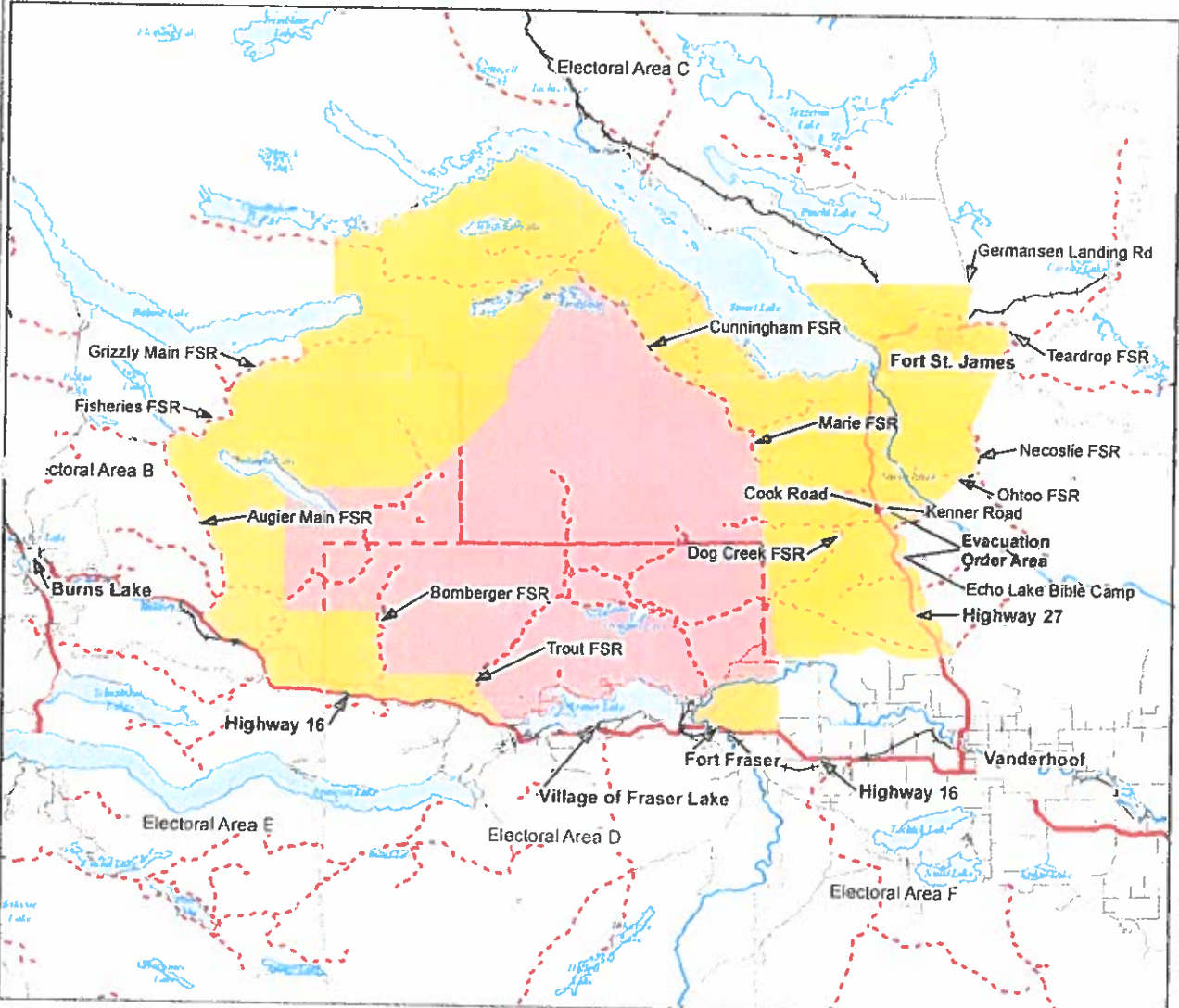
**Legend**

- Alert Area
- Municipal Boundary
- Indian Reserve
- Forest Service Road
- Minor Road
- Railways

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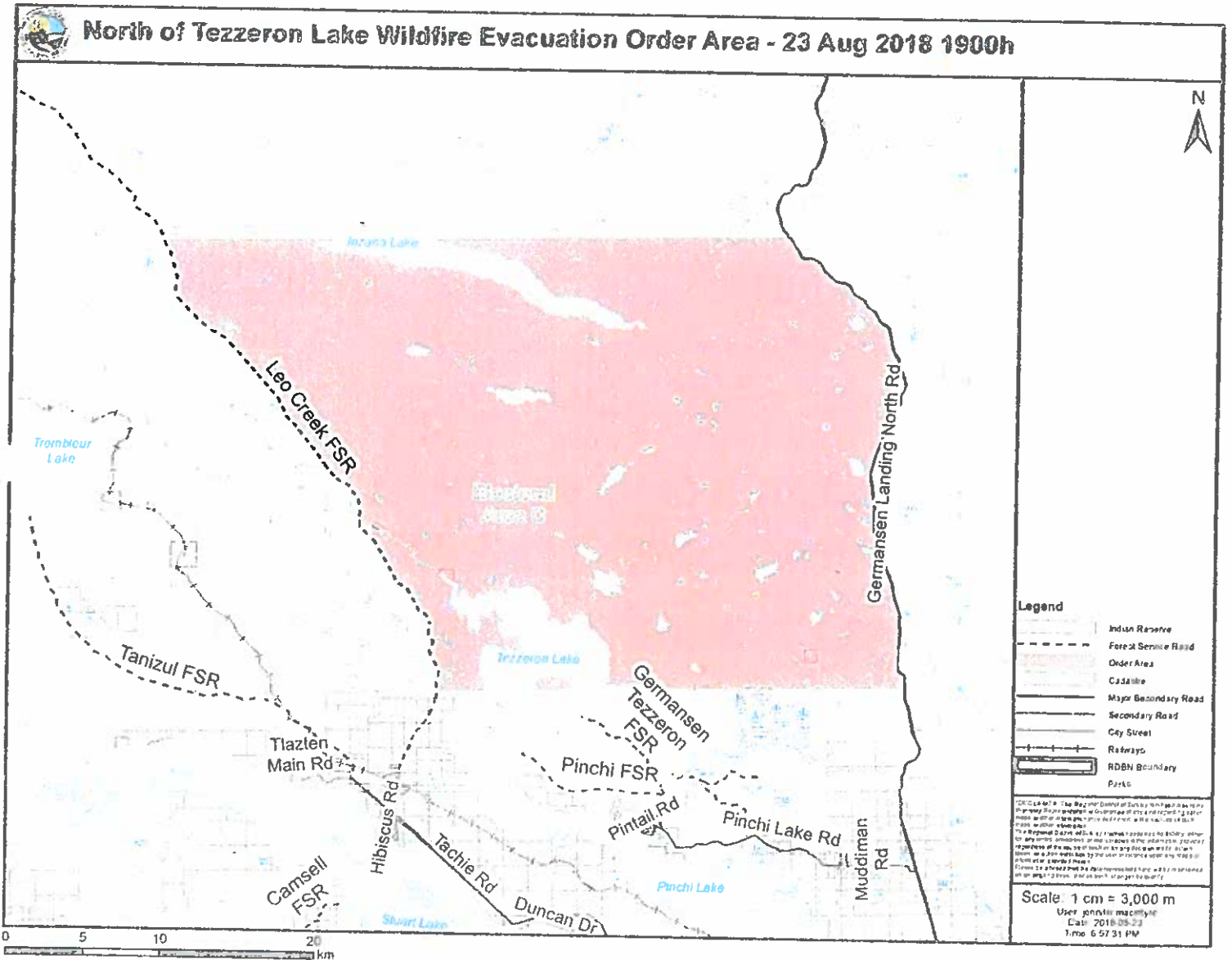
# Shovel Lake Fire Evacuation Expanded Order And Alert Areas 16 Aug 2018 1530h

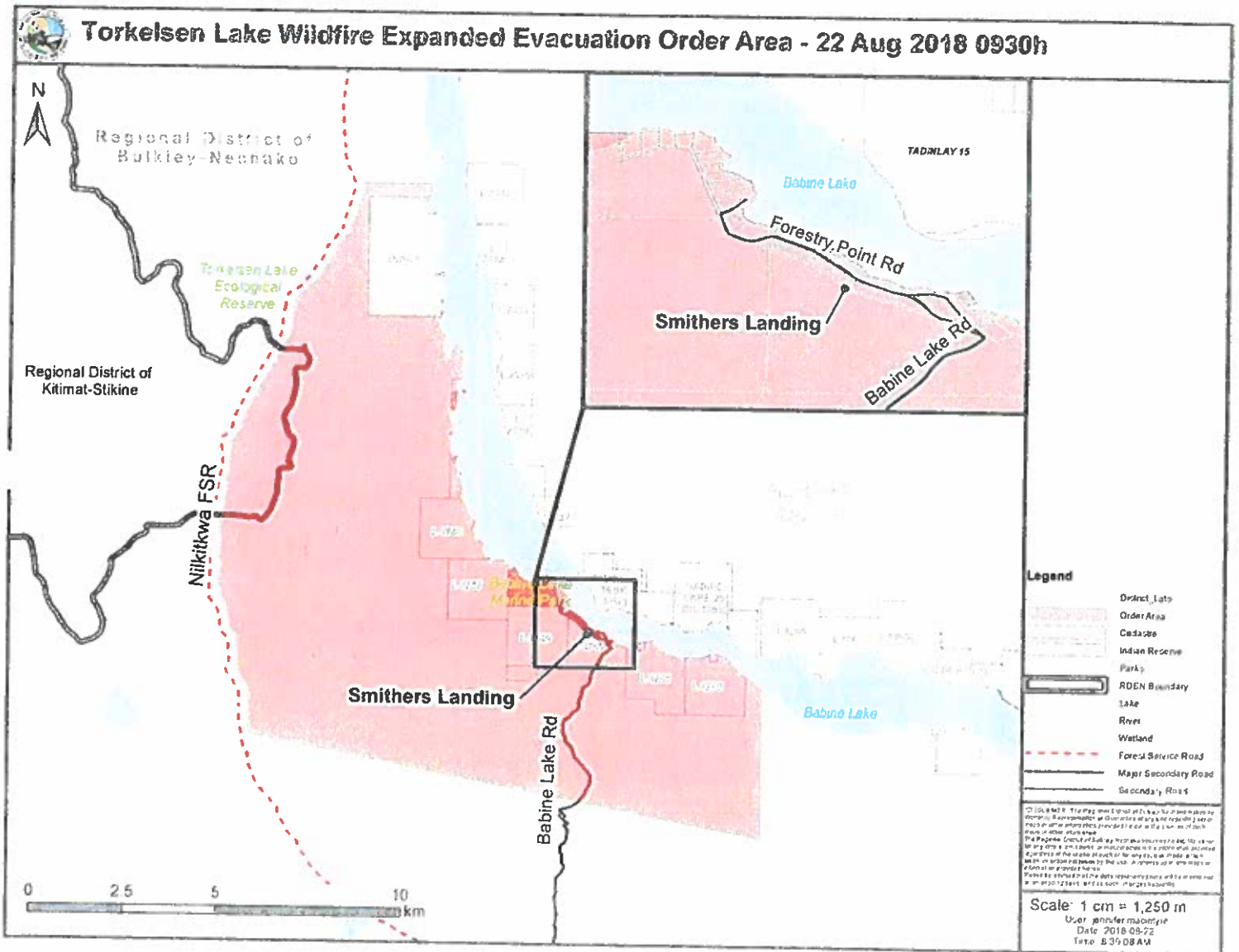


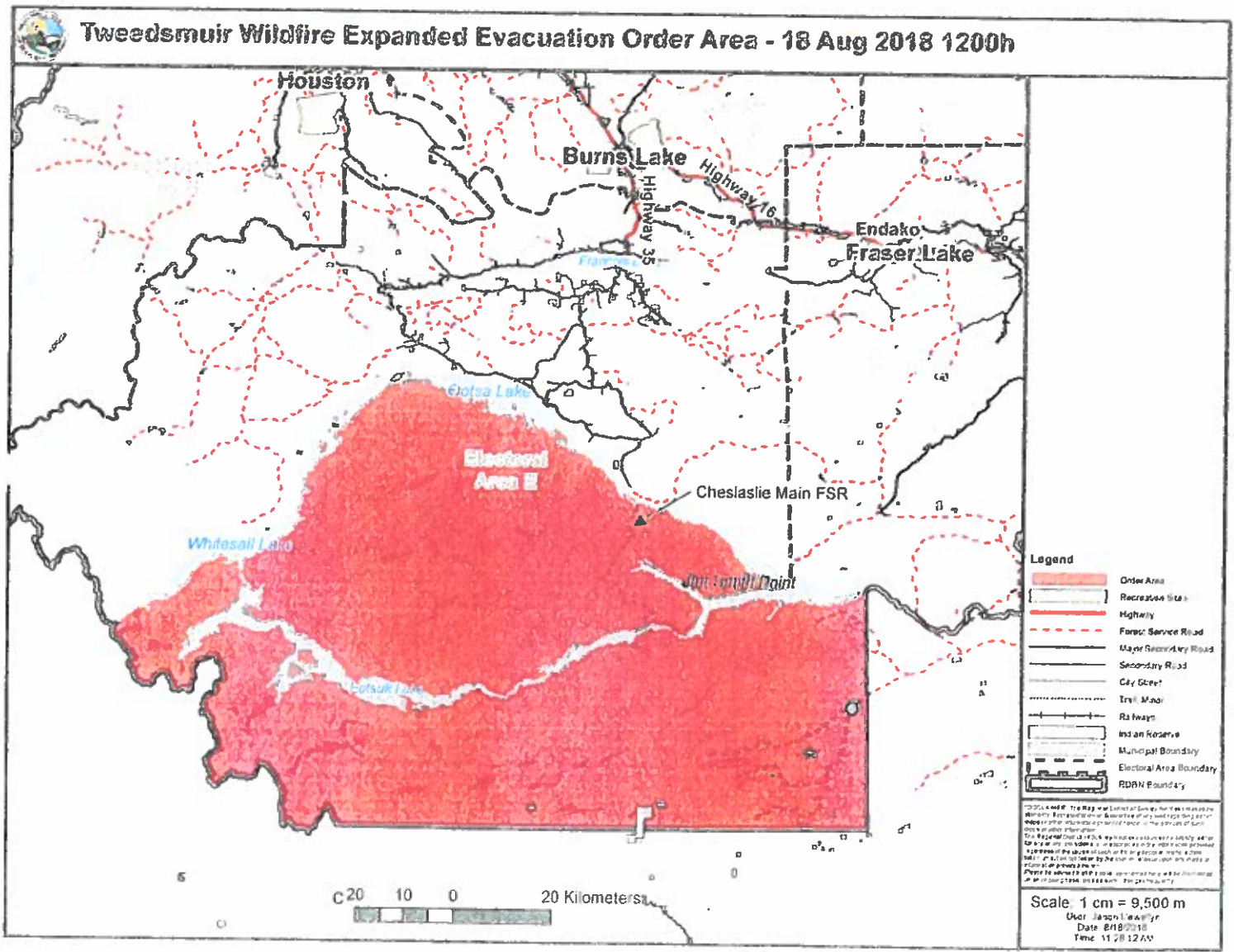
- Order
- Alert
- Recreation Area
- Electoral Area Boundary
- Municipal Boundary
- Ferry
- Highway
- Forest Service Road
- Minor Road
- Pathway
- Red in Rock
- Park

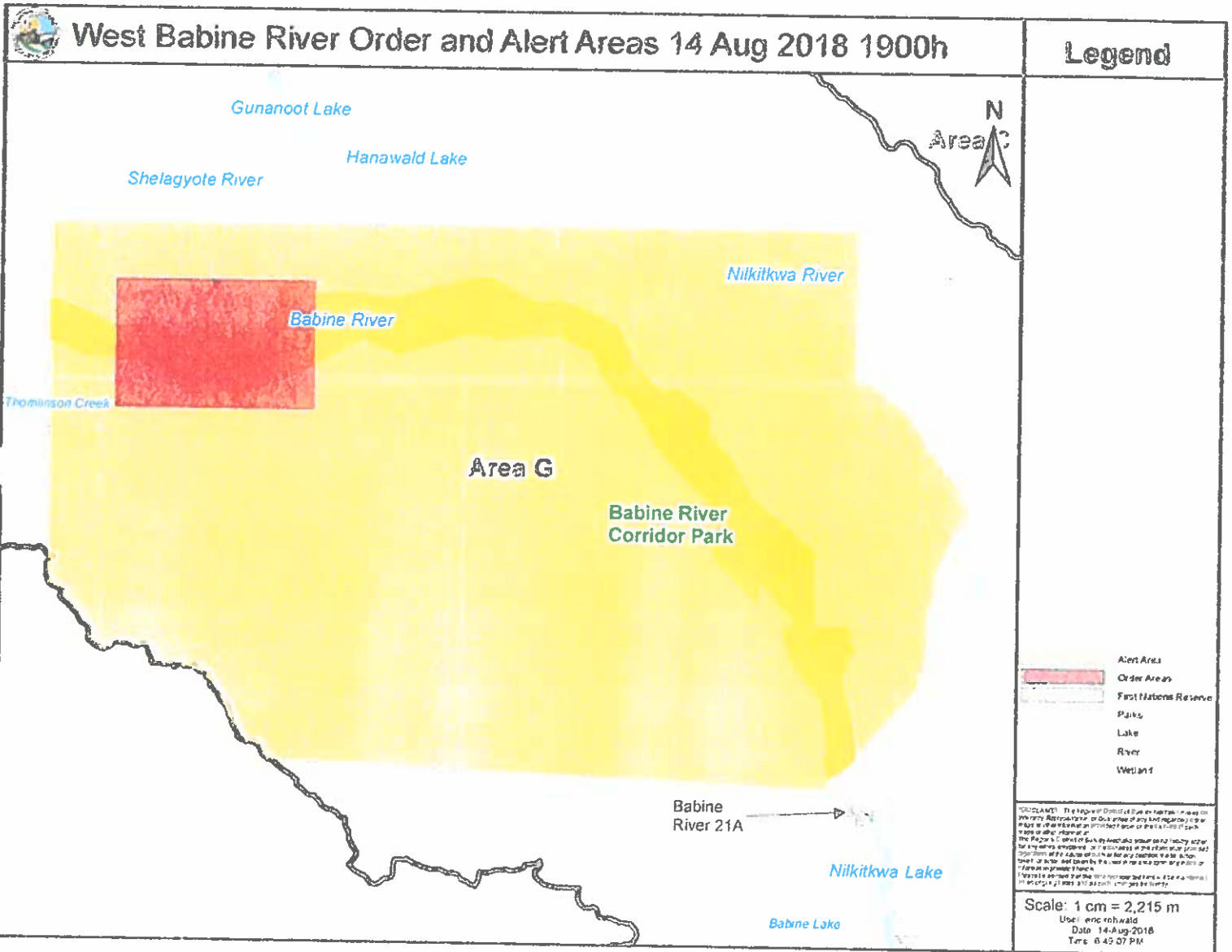
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**Cheryl Anderson**

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**Subject:** FW: Nechako Basin\_Geoscience BC\_Hydrogeological Study Letter of Support  
**Attachments:** Nechako Area of Interest.jpg

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**From:** Bill Brown <[bb@skytem.com](mailto:bb@skytem.com)>  
**Sent:** Thursday, September 20, 2018 1:23 PM  
**To:** 'bmillier.pbm@gmail.com'; 'mayor@district.vanderhoof.ca'  
**Cc:** 'Mel Best'  
**Subject:** Nechako Basin\_Geoscience BC\_Hydrogeological Study Letter of Support

Hello Gerry and Bill,

Geoscience BC recently issued a request for proposal, RFP 2018-04: Understanding Water, to generate regional- to provincial-scale understanding of groundwater in support of effective stewardship. For more information please see <http://www.geosciencebc.com/s/RequestsforProposals.asp?ReportID=829821>.

My company, SkyTEM Canada and Dr. Melvyn Best, in conjunction with Aarhus Geophysics ([www.aarhusgeo.com](http://www.aarhusgeo.com)) and GEUS ([www.geus.dk](http://www.geus.dk)) are proposing to conduct a study of the hydrogeology within the Nechako Basin, central plateau of BC. See the attached for a map of the approximate area under consideration. The final area selected will be within this map area.

✕ We are writing to ask you for a Letter of Support. The proposed study will include:

- advanced modelling and interpretation of existing airborne geophysical electromagnetic and magnetic (AEM) data within the final area selected
- acquisition, advanced modelling and interpretation of new AEM data covering an area of between 1,000 -5,000 km<sup>2</sup>, depending on funds received
- integration of AEM data to existing water well records in the region
- new drilling of targets identified from the AEM survey(s)

Deliverables will include:

- description of Quaternary sediments (types and geometry) for potential groundwater resources
- map of extent and thickness of basalts/depth to bedrock over the entire area
- geological characterization for mineralization potential
- suitability for potential tailing ponds location (i.e., vulnerability in Quaternary sediments hydrogeology)
- areas where further work for potential bedrock water resources is warranted

Geoscience BC plans to make the final report and all data collected available to the public and we hope you will be a special part of our effort. Specifically, we hope The Vanderhoof District will be able to provide a letter stating that you find value in, and support, what we are proposing. If you have any data or information in the area of interest that you feel the study could benefit from and that you are willing to share please let us know. You may also want to consider increasing the size and scope of the study by providing additional funding to the project.

Your contribution will make a big difference to the success of Geoscience BC's, and our, efforts. Please respond with your support by Friday, September 28<sup>th</sup>. If you have any questions please feel free to call me at 519-502-1436 or email [bb@skytem.com](mailto:bb@skytem.com).

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Yours very truly

Bill Brown

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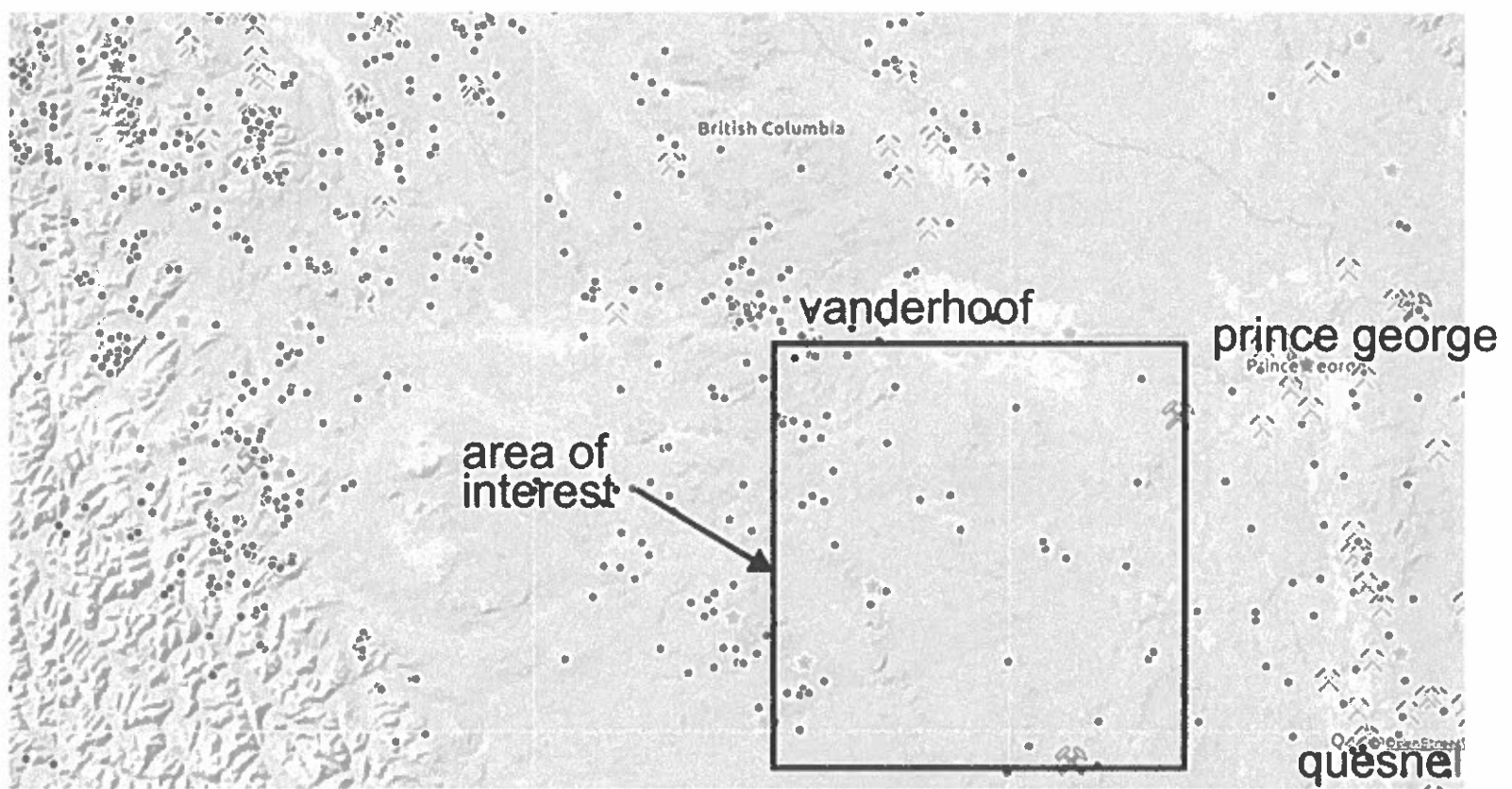
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**Wendy Wainwright**

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**From:** Wendy Wainwright  
**Sent:** Wednesday, September 26, 2018 11:06 AM  
**To:** Wendy Wainwright  
**Subject:** FW: RBA All members Meeting

**Subject:** RBA All members Meeting

Hello,

So you are all aware, there will be an RBA All Members meeting in conjunction with the NWRHD meeting on Friday, October 12<sup>th</sup>.

Schedule as follows:

10:30 am to 12:30 pm Northwest BC RBA

12:30 pm to 1:00 pm Lunch (will be provided)

1:00 pm to 3:30 pm North West Regional Hospital District

Thank you,

*Renee Lukasser*

Executive Assistant, CAO and Board



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**REGIONAL DISTRICT OF BULKLEY-NECHAKO**

**BYLAW NO. 1843**

**A bylaw to Reduce the maximum taxation rate for the Electoral Area "E"  
Economic Development Service**

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**WHEREAS**

The Board of the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako wishes to limit the maximum taxation amount for the Electoral Area "E" Economic Development Service

**NOW THEREFORE**, the Regional Board of the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako in open meeting assembled, enacts as follows:

1. Subsection (b) of Section 5 of the Lakes District Economic Commission Extended Services Bylaw 654, 1991 as amended by Bylaw 1200, 2001 and amended by Bylaw 1414, 2006 is repealed and replaced with the following:

"(b) The maximum amount that may be requisitioned annually for the Service is TWELVE THOUSAND FIVE HOUNDARD DOLLARS (\$12,500)."

2. This bylaw may be cited as "Area E Economic Development Service Maximum Taxation Limit Amendment Bylaw 1843, 2018."

READ A FIRST TIME this          day of          , 2018.

READ A SECOND TIME this          day of          , 2018.

READ A THIRD TIME this          day of          , 2018.

CONSENT OF THE ELECTORAL AREA "E" DIRECTOR RECEIVED  
  this          day of          , 2018.

Certified a true copy of Bylaw No. 1843.

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Corporate Administrator

ADOPTED this          day of          , 2018.

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Chair

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Corporate Administrator