



June 6th, 2023

Re: Dease Lake Fire Department

Dear Property Owner,

In October 2022 the Regional District of Kitimat-Stikine (RDKS) made the difficult decision to suspend fire protection services (Exterior Operations- Structural) in the Dease Lake area until further notice.

Since October 2022 the RDKS has hired Rick Mroch as Fire Chief for the Dease Lake Volunteer Fire Department (DLVFD) and a large recruitment and training effort was undertaken over the winter of 2023. Staff from the RDKS have been travelling to Dease Lake monthly to assist with training and the delivery of an accredited certificate program. As of June 2023, four members have substantially completed this program, and others are working on completing it in the coming months.

With the continued commitment from the Dease Lake community and those volunteers that have signed up to the DLVFD we are hopeful that fire protection will be reinstated in the coming months.

In the meantime, if you are interested in volunteering please contact Chief Mroch, rmroch@rdks.bc.ca or info@thornhillfire.ca or attend a weekly practice at the DLVFD at 63 Stikine Ave. In the event of an emergency please contact:

- RCMP (250) 771-4111
- BC Wildfire Service. To report a wildfire, call 1-800-663-5555.

The RDKS will keep residents of Dease Lake apprised of recruitment efforts. A community meeting will be held in September.

If you have any questions, please contact the Regional District of Kitimat-Stikine at 250-615-6100 or info@rdks.bc.ca.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Lina Gasser".

Lina Gasser
Chief Administrative Officer