



Request for EAD Meeting Business Item

SUBJECT:	Removing building inspection/building permit requirements for Area B outside of fire protection area.
REQUEST BY:	David Brooks-Hill, Area B Director
DESCRIPTION/ CONTEXT:	I was elected as Area B Director specifically to remove the building inspection regulations that were introduced by my predecessor. I understand that the Board does not wish to vote to do this. Rather than wait until the 5 year deadline after which Area B can unilaterally withdraw from the bylaw, I am willing to accept building inspection just within the fire protection zone in Area B.
DISCUSSION:	<p>Area B residents clearly do not want building inspection services and I was elected on this basis (see attached the election sign I used to get elected). It is simply not practical for the CSR, particularly outside of the immediate area around Revelstoke, to provide building inspection services. To travel to Trout lake in south Area B from Salmon arm would take at best about 3 hours one way and easily could take 5 hours. I have heard from residents in that area and other areas that have no cell service that it is nearly impossible to get a permit within one year.</p> <p>Although I personally would like to see building permits completely eliminated in Area B, I am willing to have them stay in the Fire Protection Area around Revelstoke (see attached bylaw with map) where fire protection services are provided by the City. This likely includes about 80% of the Area B population and would please the City of Revelstoke. Outside this area no fire protection is provided at all.</p>

OTHER COMMENTS:	<p>If the Board does not agree to vote in favour of this, I will invoke the service withdrawal sections of the Local Government Act at the end of 5 years since the building inspection bylaw was introduced and withdraw from the bylaw entirely, not just outside the fire protection area. See sections of the Local Government Act attached that authorizes this.</p> <p>I propose this law be introduced for a vote of the CSRD Board this winter so that it will be in effect for the building season next summer. I propose that all people who have paid building inspection service fees and not received a permit so far be refunded in full at the expense of Area B tax payers.</p>
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