

City of Revelstoke

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Rural Fire Protection Services provided by the City of Revelstoke in a Specified Area within Area B of the Columbia Shuswap Regional District.

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Fire Chief Robert Girard and Allan Chabot, Chief Administrative Officer of the City of Revelstoke attended the Supreme Court hearing in Vancouver, B.C. on December 28th, 2017, of the Columbia Shuswap Regional District's (CSRD) application for an injunction to require the City to provide fire suppression services to a Specified Area of Electoral Area B until the trial of this matter, which would likely not be heard at the earliest until late 2018 but more probably in 2019.

Both Chief Girard and Mr. Chabot remained in Vancouver to hear the decision of Mr. Justice Mayer on December 29th, 2017. Representatives of the CSRD were not in attendance.

Both Chief Girard and Mr. Chabot are of the view that Justice Mayer gave careful and thoughtful consideration to the matter. In granting an injunction to only June 1st, 2018, it appears that Justice Mayer was very mindful of the City's concerns.

The City looks forward to the CSRD's response to its last offer, being that the City will continue fire suppression services until December 31st, 2018, with an automatic four year extension if the CSRD meets certain conditions designed to enhance the safety of the Revelstoke Fire Rescue Services' personnel and improve fire suppression services in the Specified Area.

Both Chief Girard and Mr. Chabot have indicated that they would be pleased to attend any public meeting convened by the CSRD and/or Area B Director Parker to explain the City's position to the residents of the Specified Area.

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