



## Community Update: Seton Fire Protection Service

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**November 14, 2024**

The Squamish-Lillooet Regional District (SLRD) wishes to thank the community members who joined us in Seton, in Electoral Area B, on November 10, 2024 to discuss the Seton Fire Protection Service.

We are encouraged by the community's support for the transition of this service to Tsal'alh and remain aligned with residents, and our partners, in ensuring the best possible outcome for the community. We heard, loud and clear, from the community that emergency services are a priority and we take that direction seriously.

Tsal'alh has provided fire protection service to the Seton fire protection service area since September, 2019. This service has been provided through a series of successive short-term agreements and we are pleased to continue working, with the community's support and direction, toward a long-term agreement with Tsal'alh. A long-term agreement will ensure the future of the service, and protection of the most favourable Fire Underwriters' Survey (FUS) grading, resulting in the most affordable insurance rates for homeowners.

Our goal is to have a long-term agreement between the SLRD and Tsal'alh in place before the end of 2024. Following that, we will also move forward with a lease agreement with Tsal'alh, for the SLRD-owned Seton Firehall, which will allow Tsal'alh to move their equipment and apparatus (fire trucks) in to the firehall, for the benefit of the community.

The Seton Valley Volunteer Firefighters' Society currently owns some firefighting equipment; while there may be use for this equipment, there is currently no equipment operating agreement in place. It would be up to the volunteer society to determine if they are willing to offer this equipment to Tsal'alh and how it might best service the community.

The Seton Firehall, which houses the BC Ambulance Service through a lease agreement with the SLRD and BC Emergency Health Services, is a valuable community resource. We understand that the community wishes to see it utilized in the delivery of fire protection. We look forward to seeing the Seton Lake Fire Department, operated by Tsal'alh, operating from the Seton Firehall, in addition to the Tsal'alh Firehall.

Tsal'alh welcomes community members who wish to join the Seton Lake Fire Department. The community is well-served by the Seton Lake Fire Department, and we are grateful to all parties and individuals involved in ensuring the ongoing protection for the community.

Providing BC Ambulance Service and fire protection service from the Seton Firehall will ensure that this valued community amenity continues to serve as an emergency response hub for years to come.

Updates regarding the Seton Fire Service will be posted on the SLRD website:  
<https://www.slrd.bc.ca/inside-slrd/current-projects-initiatives/seton-fire-protection-service>

Residents with questions about the Seton Fire Protection Service can contact:

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