

## **Frequently Asked Questions – April 2022**

### *Alternative Approval Process (AAP)*

#### **How much will this project impact my taxes?**

As an example; for a residential property assessed at \$500,000 the tax increase for this project is anticipated to be approximately \$123.40 per year.

#### **When will the Alternative Approval Process (AAP) take place?**

The AAP will take place from March 10, 2022 to April 11, 2022 at 4:30 pm. The CVRD will be mailing each property owner and resident a letter prior to the start of the AAP to outline the exact process and timing.

#### **Will the fire hall reduce my fire insurance costs?**

The establishment of a fire hall may eventually lead to reduced fire insurance premium rates for property owners. In order to be eligible for reduced premiums, the Fire Underwriters Survey requires:

- The responding fire department be located within eight road kilometers.
- A certified fire engine less than 25 years of age
- A minimum of 15 volunteer firefighters (currently there are 8 volunteers)

The establishment of a fire hall is key to eventually being eligible for reduced residential fire insurance premiums.

#### **I understand that Mount Washington already has a fire service. Why do we need a fire hall?**

Currently the Mount Washington Fire Department has eight volunteers able to provide an initial response, with a full fire department response coming from Oyster River Fire Rescue located approximately 38 km away. A Mount Washington Fire Hall will:

- Improve fire department response time, helping to save lives and property and contributing to the overall wellbeing and safety of the community;
- Provide permanent heated storage for the Mount Washington fire apparatus, tools and equipment which is required to be eligible for reduced residential fire insurance rates;
- Provide a training location for volunteer firefighters;
- Become the central location for promoting and encouraging volunteers