



REGIONAL DISTRICT of Fraser-Fort George

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REPORT FOR CONSIDERATION

TO: Chair and Directors

FROM: Melanie Perrin, Senior Manager of Public Safety Services

DATE: November 6, 2025

SUBJECT: Lheidli T'enneh - Fire Protection Services Agreement
SUMMARY: Purpose: Consider Authorizing Execution of Agreement

File No.: SHE 1.1

Attachments:
Proposed Lheidli T'enneh Fire Protection Services Agreement

Previous Reports:
Item No. 12.4.1, April 2015

RECOMMENDATION(S):

1. THAT the report dated November 6, 2025, regarding "Lheidli T'enneh - Fire Protection Services Agreement" be received for information.
2. THAT the Board authorize a service agreement to be entered into with the Lheidli T'enneh First Nation for the provision of fire protection services for the term of January 1, 2026 to December 31, 2030.

ENTITLEMENT	HOW VOTE COUNTED
All 1 Director/1 vote	Majority
All Weighted	Majority

ISSUE(S):

The Regional District, through the Shell-Glen Fire/Rescue, has provided fire protection services to the Lheidli T'enneh Fort George Indian Reserve #2 (Shelley Reserve South Side) through a fee-for-service agreement since 2015. The current agreement will be expiring on December 31, 2025.

The Board is being asked to consider entering into a new Fire Protection Service Agreement with Lheidli T'enneh First Nation for the provision of fire protection services.

RELEVANT POLICIES:

N/A

STRATEGIC PRIORITIES ALIGNMENT:

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Indigenous and Intergovernmental Partnerships | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Organizational Strength and Adaptability | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Quality Community Services | <input type="checkbox"/> Environmental Stewardship and Climate Action |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Awareness and Engagement | <input type="checkbox"/> Statutory or Routine Business | | |

SERVICE RELEVANCE:

N/A

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATION(S):

The cost of the Service Agreement will be paid to the Regional District by the Lheidli T'enneh First Nation annually and will be included in the proposed 2026 Shell-Glen Fire Protection operating budget and 2026-2030 Financial Plan for the service.

OTHER CONSIDERATION(S):

The proposed agreement establishes the provision of fire protection services for structural fires and fires that pose a threat to structures on reserve lands, delivered to the same standard as services within the fire protection local service area.

The agreement excludes forest fire suppression, fire inspection or prevention services, and any other services not specifically identified within its terms.

Additional provisions include eligibility for Lheidli T'enneh members to join the fire department, requirements for record retention, indemnification, insurance requirements, and a defined term of five years.

Public Safety Administration worked with the Lheidli T'enneh in drafting the proposed agreement. The Chief and Council have been provided with the agreement and are supportive of the agreement proceeding.

DECISION OPTIONS:

1. Approve recommendations.
 - A Service Agreement for Fire Protection Services with the Lheidli T'enneh will be entered into for the period of January 1, 2026 to December 31, 2030 and executed.

Other Options:

- a. Do not authorize entering into a Service Agreement with the Lheidli T'enneh for Fire Protection Services:
 - There will be no fire protection services for the Shelley Reserve South Side.
- b. Postpone consideration if additional information is required.

COMMENTS:

Execution of the Fire Protection Services Agreement provides fire protection to the Shelley Reserve South Side and enhances public safety for the Lheidli T'enneh community and its residents.

Respectfully submitted,

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