

FACT SHEET FOR PROPOSED FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTION SERVICE 70 MILE HOUSE FIRE PROTECTION



The following information will provide you with a brief summary of the proposed financial contribution to the 70 Mile House Fire Protection Service.

1. The 70 Mile House Volunteer Firefighters Association will continue to provide fire protection services within its boundary.
2. If approved, property owners within the service area will provide annual funding through taxation as a contribution toward the cost of providing the fire protection service in 70 Mile House.
3. The annual financial contribution proposed is a maximum of \$30,000 or \$1.9464/\$1,000 (all classes) of the net taxable value of land and improvements (whichever is greater).
4. The 70 Mile House Firefighters Association currently respond to emergency fire incidents involving structures and vehicles.
5. The proposed financial contribution service area is the same as the existing 70 Mile House fire department response area.
6. Local governments cannot provide assurance to residents with respect to a reduction in fire insurance premium costs. Property owners are encouraged to contact their local insurance brokers for insurance coverage information.
7. The annual financial contribution will be used by the 70 Mile House Firefighters Association for annual operating and equipment costs.

Proposed Service Implementation:

Approval is required to establish the financial contribution service through an annual tax requisition. In this instance, electoral approval can be carried out either through petition or referendum. The Area Director has recommended that the method of assent be referendum.

If there is general acceptance for proceeding to a referendum, the TNRD Board will be advised of the community's wishes and it may at that time give readings to a service establishment bylaw. That bylaw will be forwarded to the Province for approval and once that is received, the Board may then select the referendum date.

The referendum ballot will contain a question that requires eligible electors to indicate either "YES" or "NO" to the establishment of the service and the requisition of funds for that service. The result will be determined by the majority of votes.

Please call or email if you have further questions.

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Options for Discussion - Cost of Proposed New Service:

Average Residential Assessment (2015) \$99,233

Maximum Tax Requisition	Residential Tax Rate/\$1,000	Tax Impact (\$100,000 Residential Assessment)
\$30,000	\$1.5333	\$153.33
\$40,000	\$2.0444	\$204.44
\$50,000	\$2.5555	\$255.55

Taxation Impacts and your Home Owner Grant

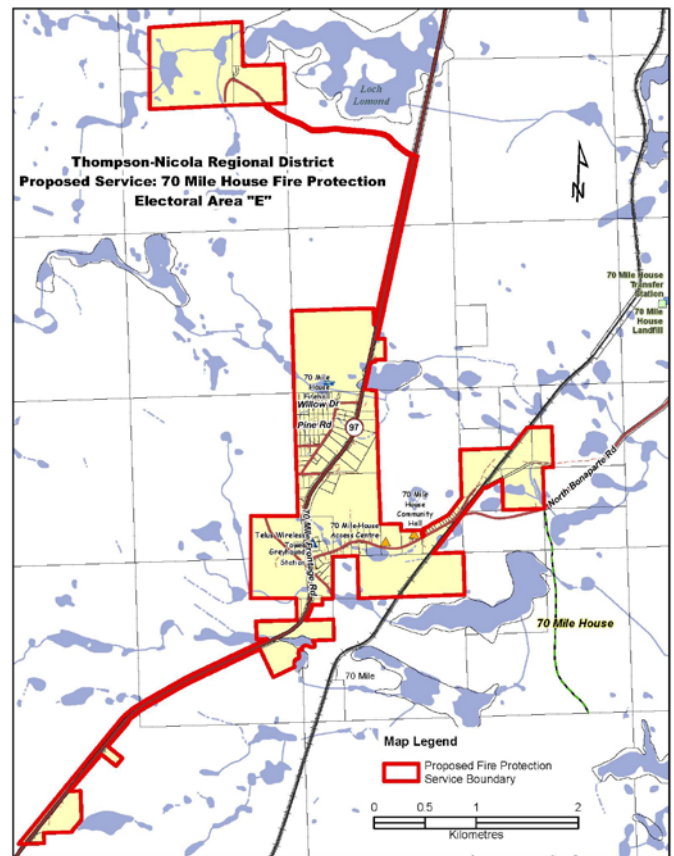
The home owner grant is a grant that helps British Columbians reduce their property taxes for their primary residence.

There are two categories of grants.

1. The regular grant may reduce property taxes up to \$770.
2. The additional grant may reduce property taxes up to \$1045.

Depending on your age and other qualifications (visit www.gov.bc.ca/homeownergrant for qualification details) the minimum property tax a property owner may pay is either \$350 or \$100 per year.

Due to lower assessments, many rural property owners are unable to use all of their available Home Owner Grant allocation before reaching the \$350 minimum (or \$100 minimum) property tax. Those property owners may find that their annual property taxes would not increase as more of the Home Owner Grant allocation is used with the addition of new services.



Each area and property is unique and if you need to find out more about the Home Owner Grant as it applies to your property, please call Doug Rae, Director of Finance at 1-877-377-8673. Please be sure to have a copy of your 2014 tax notice available when you call.

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