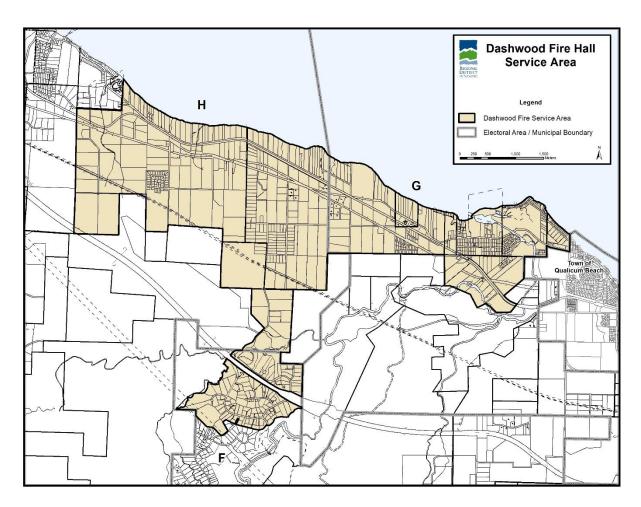


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DASHWOOD FIRE HALL PROJECT APPROVED BY RESIDENTS

The Dashwood Fire Hall replacement project was approved through an Alternative Approval Process that concluded on Friday, July 26, 2019. The Alternative Approval Process addressed two bylaws, "Dashwood Fire Hall Service Area Establishment Bylaw No. 1785, 2019" and "Dashwood Fire Hall Loan Authorization Bylaw No. 1789, 2019." The first bylaw establishes a fire protection service area within Electoral Areas F, G, and H (see attached map), and the second authorizes the RDN to borrow up to \$4,000,000 to be repaid within 25 years to finance the fire hall replacement.



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In accordance with <u>Section 86</u> of the Community Charter, approval by an Alternative Approval Process was obtained for this project when less than 10% of electors within the service area submitted an elector response form by the July 26, 2019 response deadline. Of an estimated 1,751 electors, 9 eligible response forms were received.

Upon learning that the fire hall project will go forward, Dashwood Fire Chief, Nick Acciavatti said, "We are pleased to have a supportive community, and we are so proud to serve you."

"The RDN has worked closely with the Dashwood Volunteer Fire Department to develop a functional and cost-effective fire hall plan that will support the continued protection of our residents," said Chair Ian Thorpe. "The new fire hall addresses important priorities for the RDN Board as it will serve to reinforce the safety of our communities and the protection of our region's natural assets."

For details on the fire hall project, visit <u>Dashwood Fire Hall Replacement Project</u>. For more information on the Alternative Approval Process, visit <u>Alternative Approval Process for Local Government</u>. For details on the approved bylaws, visit <u>Bylaw No. 1785</u> and <u>Bylaw No. 1789</u>.

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