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Mayor John McEwen
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Via email: john.mcewen@anmore.com

Re: Sasamat Volunteer Fire Department

Dear Mayor McEwen:

On behalf of Council, thank you for your letter of June 23, 2023. We echo your support for the Sasamat Volunteer Fire Department and the invaluable service provided to both Belcarra and Anmore for fire protection in our communities.

Belcarra Council has discussed this matter and notes that the SVFD is a regional service of Metro Vancouver; it is not a municipal service of either Anmore or Belcarra. The amended Supplementary Letters Patent for the SVFD clearly state that the governance model for the regional service is through the appointment of 3 Council members by each Village as well as the appointment of an independent member by Metro Vancouver, to the Board of Trustees. The Board is the decision-making body and Belcarra Council is respectful of that responsibility.

In the current legislative context, the administration of the Sasamat Volunteer Fire Department Service is solely within the jurisdiction of the Board of Trustees. Decisions as to the replacement of fire halls are to be made by the Board of Trustees. In that regard, Belcarra is bound by the decisions of the Board of Trustees, as is Anmore, with the costs of the replacement of the fire halls to be apportioned between Belcarra and Anmore in accordance with the amended Supplementary Letters Patent for the Service.

Belcarra is prepared to discuss changes to the governance model and financial rules for the Sasamat Volunteer Fire Department Service with Anmore. We look forward to hearing from you in this regard.

Sincerely,

Jamie Ross
Mayor

cc: Belcarra Council
Anmore Council
SVFD Board of Trustees, Metro Vancouver