

City of Maple Ridge News Release

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Rural Maple Ridge Homeowners May Now Qualify for Lower Fire Insurance Rates

Maple Ridge, BC: Last year, Maple Ridge Deputy Fire Chief Howard Exner, organized and executed a special exercise, monitored by the Fire Underwriters Survey, to demonstrate their capacity to get water to rural areas of the community that are not serviced by fire hydrants. This exercise was timed and the water quantities were measured and certified formally.

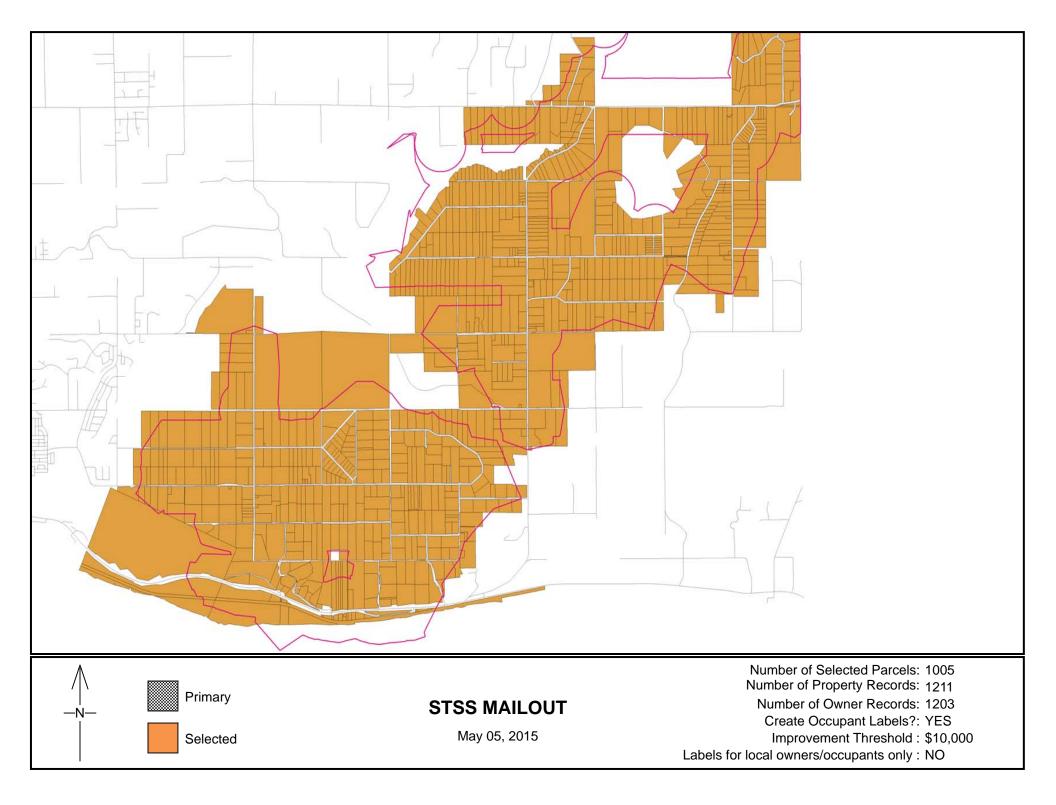
"Maple Ridge has a large rural community that is on the forest interface and the ability for us to transport water to a fire scene so that we can seamlessly extinguish a large blaze is an important part of our evolution as a department," notes Maple Ridge Fire Chief Dane Spence. "In addition to proving and practicing this important skill, our Department has earned the 'Superior Tanker Shuttle Service' designation which will allow some rural homeowners to receive a discount on their fire insurance premiums. I want to thank Deputy Chief Exner and all of our firefighters for their work on this project," he added.

Homeowners in the area that is covered under the Superior Tanker Shuttle Service area will be getting a notification in the mail with confirmation of this designation and a map showing the area that is designated. In addition, the notification and map will be posted on the city website and can be accessed by going to *mapleridge.ca* and clicking on the Emergency Services link through to the Fire and Rescue page.

"I'd like to thank the Maple Ridge Fire Department on behalf of Council and the community for their work in obtaining the Superior Tanker Shuttle Service designation. I recognize that there was a lot of planning and training to earn this achievement. Maple Ridge is a large and growing community, and the Fire Department continues to meet the challenges of our diverse geography and growing population. I know that citizens in the designated area will enjoy saving the money on their fire insurance," said Maple Ridge Mayor Nicole Read.

If you would like more information about the Superior Tanker Shuttle Service designation please contact Maple Ridge Fire Chief Dane Spence by email at *dspence@mapleridge.ca* or by calling 604-463-5880.

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Certificate of Accreditation

This certificate is in recognition that the

The City of Maple Ridge Fire Department Maple Ridge - Fire Station 2

In the Province of British Columbia Has been formally accredited to deliver

Alternative Water Supply for Public Fire Protection

via Superior Tanker Shuttle Service

by

FIRE UNDERWRITERS SURVEY For Fire Insurance Grading and Classification Purposes

The effective date for Superior Tanker Shuttle Service Accreditation is April 27th, 2015 through April 27th, 2020

Ba'nyi Gabriela Registrar

Vice-President