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RECOGNITION FOR FIRE INSURANCE GRADING RECEIVED

*Northside Fire Protection Service Area within the Powell River Regional District
Northside Volunteer Fire Department – Fire Station #1 and #2*

Superior Tanker Shuttle Service - Accredited

I am pleased to advise that the above-mentioned fire department and fire protection service area within the province of British Columbia was recently registered in the Canadian Fire Insurance Grading Index as being accredited for the delivery of Superior Tanker Shuttle Service for Personal Lines insured risks within the Dwelling Protection Grade system.

The requirements for this accreditation are stringent and verify that the fire department is capable of delivering the minimum accepted fire flows to detached dwellings throughout the fire protection district within eight kilometres (8 km) by road of the responding fire stations and five kilometres (5 km) by road of a water supply point.

This accreditation is an equivalency to the minimum requirements for hydrant protection as set out by the insurance industry and the Fire Underwriters Survey. Dwelling Protection Grade 3B(S) should be applied to properties insured under Personal Lines that are within eight kilometres (8 km) road distance from the accredited fire hall and five kilometres (5 km) road distance of a water supply point as outlined in the Fire Insurance Grade map for the Northside Fire Protection Service Area.

Fire Underwriters Survey has provided information on fire protection and risk levels to the insurance industry in Canada for more than 100 years. Fire Underwriters Survey was originally operated under the auspices of the Insurance Advisory Organization until 2002 when the I.A.O. and all of its related services were repositioned under the flag of CGI and more recently, Opta Information Intelligence.

Should you have any questions or concerns related to the Fire Underwriters Survey, the Superior Shuttle Accreditation process or any other related area, please contact our office.

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Re: Superior Tanker Shuttle Accreditation – Effective October 14th, 2017

I am pleased to advise that the Fire Underwriters Survey has evaluated test results and application for accreditation to deliver Superior Tanker Shuttle service and has determined that the Northside Volunteer Fire Department qualifies for accreditation for Personal Lines insured risks within the Dwelling Protection Grade system.

The Northside Volunteer Fire Department has been added to the list of accredited agencies for the delivery of Superior Tanker Shuttle services and the appropriate changes have been made to the Canadian Fire Insurance Grading Index.

Please find the enclosed certificate of accreditation and a brief letter of recognition.

As an accredited agency, constituents within your fire protection area who own:

- detached dwellings (Personal Lines) and are within 8 km of the accredited fire hall and within 5 km of a recognized water supply point (within the defined Fire Protection Area maps) conforming to NFPA 1142 – Standard on Water Supplies for Suburban and Rural Fire Fighting, *recent edition*, are eligible to receive a cost reduction in their fire insurance rates from the majority of insurers in Canada.

Insurers utilize the information provided by Fire Underwriters Survey in setting the property insurance rates throughout Canada. Insurers are advised that Superior Tanker Shuttle Accredited fire protection districts qualify for hydrant protected equivalency status and may be rated as protected. Note that this equivalency applies only to detached dwellings without exposures.

It should be noted that insures are under no obligation to accept this equivalency; however, Fire Underwriters Survey recommends that they do so.

It should also be noted that a re-accreditation process will occur five years from the date of this letter. Records of training and use of STSS should be maintained each year for review. Accreditation may be extended for another five years if no significant changes have occurred to the fire department that would negatively affect its ability to provide the service since the first accreditation was granted.

As a Surveyor for the province of British Columbia, I must advise you that Superior Tanker Shuttle Accreditation and benefits associated with the accreditation are contingent upon the fire protection district being capable of continuously meeting the requirements of the Superior Tanker Shuttle service delivery and being continuously able to provide evidence of such capacity upon request. Should the capacity of the fire protection district to deliver this level of service change at any time, notification should be made immediately to the offices of Fire Underwriters Survey. Fire Underwriters Survey retains the right to revoke Superior Tanker Shuttle Accreditation at any time.

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