



## Lasqueti Island Volunteer Fire Department Asset Management Survey

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The qathet Regional District (qRD) is seeking feedback from residents and property owners on Lasqueti Island to better understand the community's interests and expectations for service delivery levels from the Lasqueti Island Fire Protection Service also known as Lasqueti Island Volunteer Fire Department (LIVFD). For more information on this project please visit: [qathet.ca/current\\_project/lasqueti-island-volunteer-fire-department-asset-management-survey/](https://qathet.ca/current_project/lasqueti-island-volunteer-fire-department-asset-management-survey/)

The LIVFD was established by qathet Regional District bylaw and is funded through local taxation. The service currently has thirty volunteers who deliver exterior firefighting, medical first response, basic rescue, basic hazardous materials response, and includes a team of response coordinators. There are two fire halls, six fire trucks, and various other fire and rescue equipment.

The recent Lasqueti Island Fire Protection Service State of Assets Report found that the service's most significant capital assets; fire halls and fire trucks, are at or are nearing the end of their useful service life. The report found that the service has not been saving enough reserve funds in order to pay the costs for replacing these assets. Without sufficient reserves, the service may have to borrow money or may not be able to replace some of these assets when the time comes.

Through its Asset Management Policy, the qRD has committed to developing asset management plans for all of its services to ensure that assets are identified, located, quantified, planned, built, operated, maintained, rehabilitated and decommissioned in a socially, environmentally, economically and culturally responsible way.

While some aspects of fire service delivery are mandatory; ie worker safety and provincially regulated requirements, other considerations in developing an asset management plan for the LIVFD are optional. In considering these options, the qRD would like to better understand the community's expectations for the level of service it wants to receive from the LIVFD, the community's ability and willingness to pay for the service, and community support for following the Fire Underwriters Survey (FUS) insurance grading guidelines.

The following survey is intended to provide the opportunity for local residents to help the qRD understand local expectations and priorities for the future of the LIVFD service. This public input will then be used to inform the development of an asset management plan for the LIVFD.

The survey will run from March 15, 2022 to April 15, 2022. Please ensure your paper copy is returned to the qathet Regional District no later than April 15, 2022.



## Notice of Collection of Personal Information and Protection of Privacy

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The qathet Regional District (qRD) is conducting this survey to establish data and seek input from the community for the purpose of informing the asset management planning process for the Lasqueti Island Fire Protection Service.

The qRD, in compliance with the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*, may collect the personal information of clients/customers/members in order to perform the duties and functions including those as set out above. Our privacy commitment includes ensuring the confidentiality and security of the personal information of clients/customers/members and allowing our clients/customers/members to request access to, and correction of, their personal information. By completing this survey, participants consent to the collection, use, and disclosure of information received as part of this survey.

If you have any questions about our privacy policies, please contact Michelle Jones, Corporate Officer, qRD Administration Department at [administration@qathet.ca](mailto:administration@qathet.ca) or call 604-485-2260.

If you require assistance completing this survey, then please contact Ryan Thoms, Manager of Emergency Services at [emergency@qathet.ca](mailto:emergency@qathet.ca) or call 604-485-2260.



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1. Do you own or rent your home on Lasqueti Island?

- Own
- Rent

2. Are you a full-time (live on island year-round) or part-time resident of Lasqueti Island?

- Full-time Resident
- Part-time Resident

3. Is the property you own or rent on Lasqueti Island your primary residence?

- Yes
- No

4. Currently the LIVFD delivers the following emergency response services:

\*Please rank these above services in order of importance to you ("1" being highest priority)

	1st Priority	2nd Priority	3rd Priority	4th Priority
<b>Exterior firefighting – LIVFD will action structure fires from the outside only and not enter burning structures</b>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
<b>Medical first response – LIVFD responds to all emergency medical calls</b>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
<b>Basic rescue – LIVFD responds to rescue requests but does not train for technical or specialized rescues</b>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
<b>Basic hazardous materials response</b>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

5. Are you satisfied with the level of emergency response services you are currently receiving from the LIVFD?

- Yes
- No



6. Have you or anyone in your household received an emergency response from the LIVFD in the past two years?

- Yes
- No

7. If yes, please evaluate your experience:

- Excellent
- Satisfactory
- Unsatisfactory
- N/A (did not call for nor received an emergency response)

Please explain your answer:

8. Do you insure your home or its contents?

- Yes
- No

9. Would you support making improvements to the Lasqueti Island Volunteer Fire Department (LIVFD) consistent with following the *Fire Underwriters Survey* insurance grading requirements?

- Yes
- No



10. How much of an increase in taxes would you be willing to pay per year to support developing savings for fire department asset replacements such as new fire halls and/or fire trucks?

\*The below noted estimates are based on the 2022 BC Assessment Revised Roll Values and an average home value of \$511,052. Actual revenue generation would vary based on applicable roll values.

- \$0 - this would generate no additional funding for future LIVFD fire hall or fire truck purchases
- \$1 to \$50 – this would generate between \$430 and \$21,500 annually for the LIVFD\*
- \$50 to \$100 – this would generate between \$21,500 and \$43,000 annually for the LIVFD\*
- \$100 to \$250 – this would generate between \$43,000 and \$108,000 annually for the LIVFD\*
- \$250 to \$399 – this would generate between \$108,000 and \$172,000 annually for the LIVFD\*
- \$400 or more – this would generate \$172,000 or more annually for the LIVFD\*
- Other amount

If other amount, please explain:

11. Do you have any final comments regarding the qRD’s development of an asset management plan for the LIVFD?