

DISTRICT OF NEW HAZELTON  
REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL

Monday, November 2, 2020  
Erwin Stege Community Center - Conference Room

Closed Meeting – 6:30 pm

Section 90.1 (c) Community Charter Act, regarding personnel

Regular Meeting – 7:00 pm

(1) CALL TO ORDER:

(2) MINUTES:

- a) Accept minutes of the October 5, 2020 regular meeting

(3) PETITIONS & DELEGATIONS:

- a) Peter Newbery, New Hazelton USRC Advisory Committee Member
- b) Staff Sargent Darren Durnin, New Hazelton RCMP Detachment Commander

(4) UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None

(5) CORRESPONDENCE:

- a) Chicago Creek Community Environmental Enhancement Society – Northwest BC Rail Safety – Request for Letter of Support
- b) Ministry of Forests, Lands, Natural Resources Operations and Rural Development – UBCM – For Information

(6) REPORTS: None

(7) BYLAWS: None

(8) NEW BUSINESS:

- a) Council Schedule:
  - November 16 Budget Meeting @ 10:00 am
  - December 7 Regular Council Meeting
  - December 11 Winterfest Activities
  - January 4 Regular Council Meeting
- b) Façade Program Application – Resolution to support application to Northern Development Initiative Trust

Adjournment

DISTRICT OF NEW HAZELTON  
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING  
OCTOBER 5, 2020  
ERWIN STEGE COMMUNITY CENTRE  
CONFERENCE ROOM

1) CALL TO ORDER: Meeting called to order at 7:00 pm

PRESENT: Mayor G. Lowry  
Councillor A. Berg  
Councillor G. Burns  
Councillor J. Hobenshield  
Councillor R. Sturney  
Councillor M. Weeber

REGRETS: Councillor B. Henwood

STAFF PRESENT: W. Hunt  
R. Carlé

2) MINUTES:

RESOLUTION 7984/20

MOVED & SECONDED

That, the minutes of the September 14, 2020 regular meeting be accepted as circulated.

CARRIED

3) PETITIONS & DELEGATIONS:

Staff Sargent D. Durnin was unable to attend and will be rescheduled for the November meeting.

4) UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

a) Downtown Washroom

RESOLUTION 7985/20

MOVED & SECONDED

That, Council accept Administration's recommendation to not proceed with a downtown washroom at this time.

CARRIED

b) Opening of Our Facilities for Public Use During COVID-19

RESOLUTION 7986/20

MOVED & SECONDED

That, Council accept Administration's recommendations with regard to opening the Erwin Stege Community Centre during the COVID-19 pandemic.

CARRIED

5) CORRESPONDENCE: None

6) REPORTS:

- a) Councillor Hobenshield - reported on the Library. Council and staff present were asked to complete a survey before they left for the evening.
- b) Councillor Weeber – brought forth his concerns regarding the upswing in opioid related incidents and deaths in the Northern Health region. Northern Health has the highest rate per capita of opioid deaths in the province.
- c) Mayor Lowry – reported on the Regional District of Kitimat Stikine and the public meetings being held in New Hazelton on October 20<sup>th</sup> pertaining to amendments to the zoning bylaw in Two Mile and South Hazelton.

7) BYLAWS: None

8) NEW BUSINESS:

- a) Northern Development Initiative Trust Grant Application for Fitness Equipment

RESOLUTION 7987/20

MOVED & SECONDED

That, the District of New Hazelton apply to Northern Development Initiative Trust for a grant up to \$30,000.00 for additional fitness equipment at Allen Park under the Community Places funding program.

CARRIED

- b) Outdoor Skating Rink

RESOLUTION 7988/20

MOVED & SECONDED

That, the District of New Hazelton apply to Northern Development Initiative Trust for a grant to replace the outdoor skating rink under the Recreation Infrastructure funding program.

CARRIED

- c) Bulkley Valley Foundation Grant Application for Fitness Equipment

RESOLUTION 7989/20

MOVED & SECONDED

That, the District of New Hazelton apply to the Bulkley Valley Foundation for a grant to purchase additional fitness equipment for Allen Park.

CARRIED

- d) Fire Smart Resiliency Investment Fund – Joint Application with the Village of Hazelton

RESOLUTION 7990/20

MOVED & SECONDED

That, the District of New Hazelton submit a joint application with the Village of Hazelton to the FireSmart Awareness Community Engagement Program up to the amount of \$50,000.00 per municipality for a total grant application of up to \$100,000.00.

CARRIED

9) CLOSED SESSION (8:04 pm):

RESOLUTION 7991/20

MOVED

That, the public be excluded from the meeting pursuant to Section 90.2 (b) Community Charter Act, negotiations with Provincial Government.

CARRIED

8:15 pm – Meeting reopened to the public.

10) ADJOURNMENT:

RESOLUTION 7992/20

MOVED

That, the meeting be adjourned 8:15 pm.

CARRIED

CERTIFIED CORRECT THIS

DAY OF

, 2020

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CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

\_\_\_\_\_  
MAYOR



**CHICAGO CREEK COMMUNITY ENVIRONMENTAL ENHANCEMENT  
SOCIETY**

**P.O. Box 682, New Hazelton, B.C. V0J 2J0**

Mayor and Council

District of New Hazelton  
New Hazelton, BC

**Re: Risk Assessment of Rail Transport of Hazardous Petroleum Cargo on Northwest BC Rail  
Corridor**

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Dear Mayor and Council:

***Request for letter to Transport Minister:***

In conjunction with other environmental groups in the Regional District, we are writing to express our concern for public safety and the safety of our watershed given the proposed dramatic increase in shipments of hazardous petroleum products on the Northwest rail corridor. **Specifically, we are asking you to write the Minister of Transport requesting a risk assessment under the *Railway Safety Act*.**

As you are already aware from previous submissions relating to this topic, Vopak, teamed with AltaGas to build a propane terminal at Prince Rupert. AltaGas is the first propane export terminal on Canada's west coast and it requires 50 to 60 propane tank cars per day. In addition, a second proposed propane export facility is undertaking geotechnical work in Kitimat. Pacific Traverse Energy has received a 25-year propane export licence from the National Energy Board and, if built, will require 60 propane rail cars a day.

As a result of these developments, unit trains of pressurized propane tank cars and other products are now regularly passing through the Regional District along the northwest CN rail line. If all export plans come to fruition, a total of 300 such rail cars per day could be travelling through our region and communities in the future, in each direction.

While the terminals proposed for Prince Rupert and Kitimat will be subject to environmental review, at present there appear to be no plans by senior levels of government to conduct a risk assessment (relating to either environmental impact or public safety) or to review of spill response plans relating to the transport of these products through the northern rail corridor. As the District is responsible for emergency response within its jurisdiction under the BC Emergency Management System (ref. BCEMS Guide, 2016), we feel this issue should be of direct concern to the District of New Hazelton.

As you know, our Society's direct interest in rail safety arose as the result of a 2018 spill by a CN coal train in to Mission Creek at the New Hazelton border. Mission Creek has been the focus of the Society's efforts to restore salmon stocks and improve habitat since our incorporation in 1995. At the time, we observed in our internal discussions that we were fortunate that the spill

Chicago Creek Society Request to RDKS for Letter to Transport Minister

was a relatively inert (though still potentially toxic) material and not liquid petroleum products. Then the Vopak/AltaGas and Traverse Energy proposals came along ....

Should a similar derailment which resulted in the coal spill into Mission Creek occur with a petroleum product unit train, it is our understanding that responsibility for planning and implementation of emergency response and evacuation procedures would fall to the District.

For your information, we have again attached 3 maps showing evacuation areas in the Hazeltons which would be affected should a propane, diesel, or methanol spill or fire occur in our area. The potential impact on New Hazelton can clearly be seen in those maps.

***For the above reasons, we request that, as elected officials:***

**The District of New Hazelton write the Honourable Marc Garneau requesting the Ministry of Transport initiate an inquiry under the *Railway Safety Act* of the proposed increase in flammable hazardous shipments on the Northwest BC rail corridor.**

This assessment should be conducted before any further increase in hazardous goods traffic. The assessment would need to identify risks and remedial actions for possible adverse environmental effects including spills into watersheds, public safety issues and climate impacts.

Sincerely,

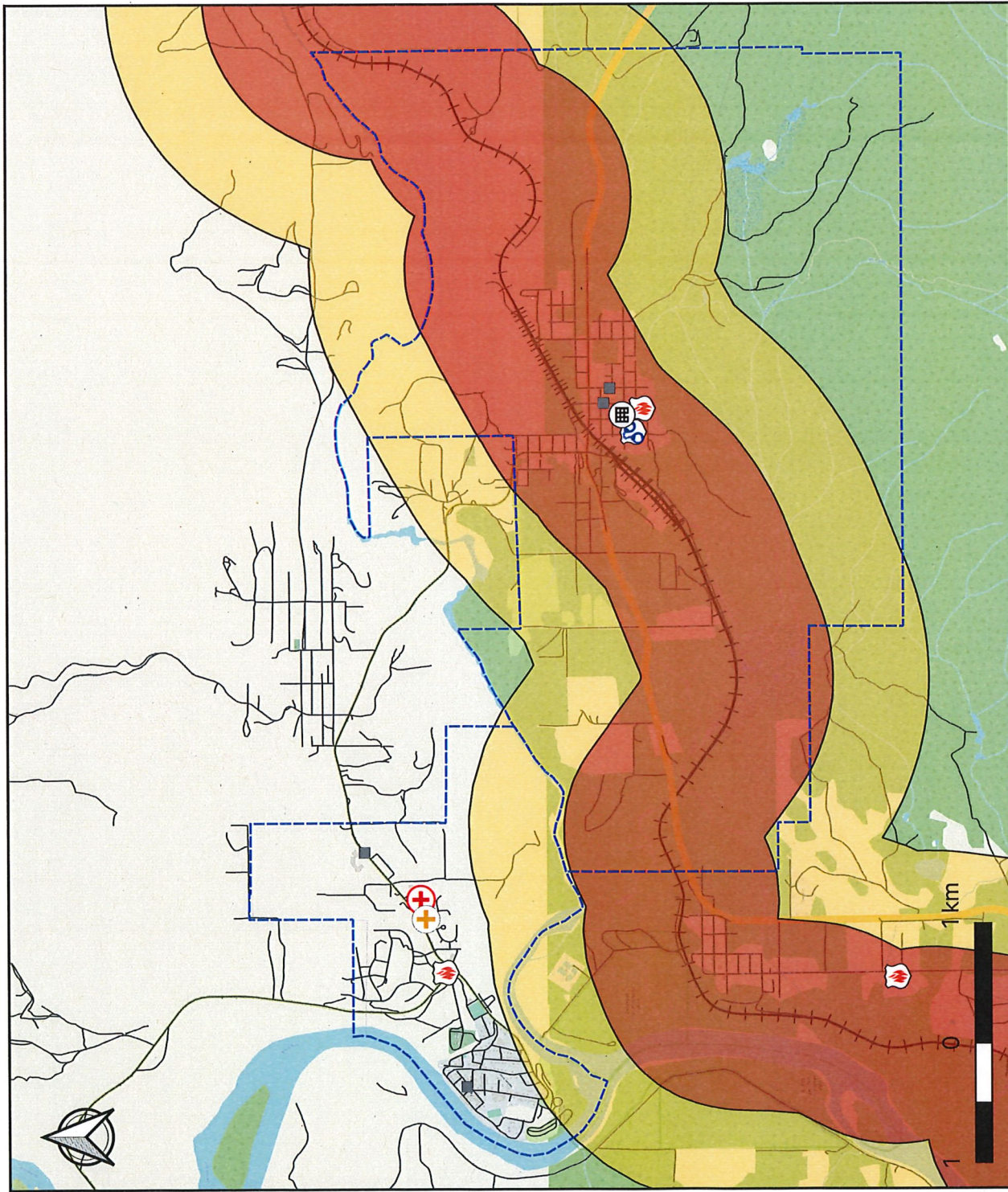


Ian Johnston  
President  
Chicago Creek Community  
Environmental Enhancement  
Society

Attachments: 3



# Propane Rail Evacuation Zones - Hazelton

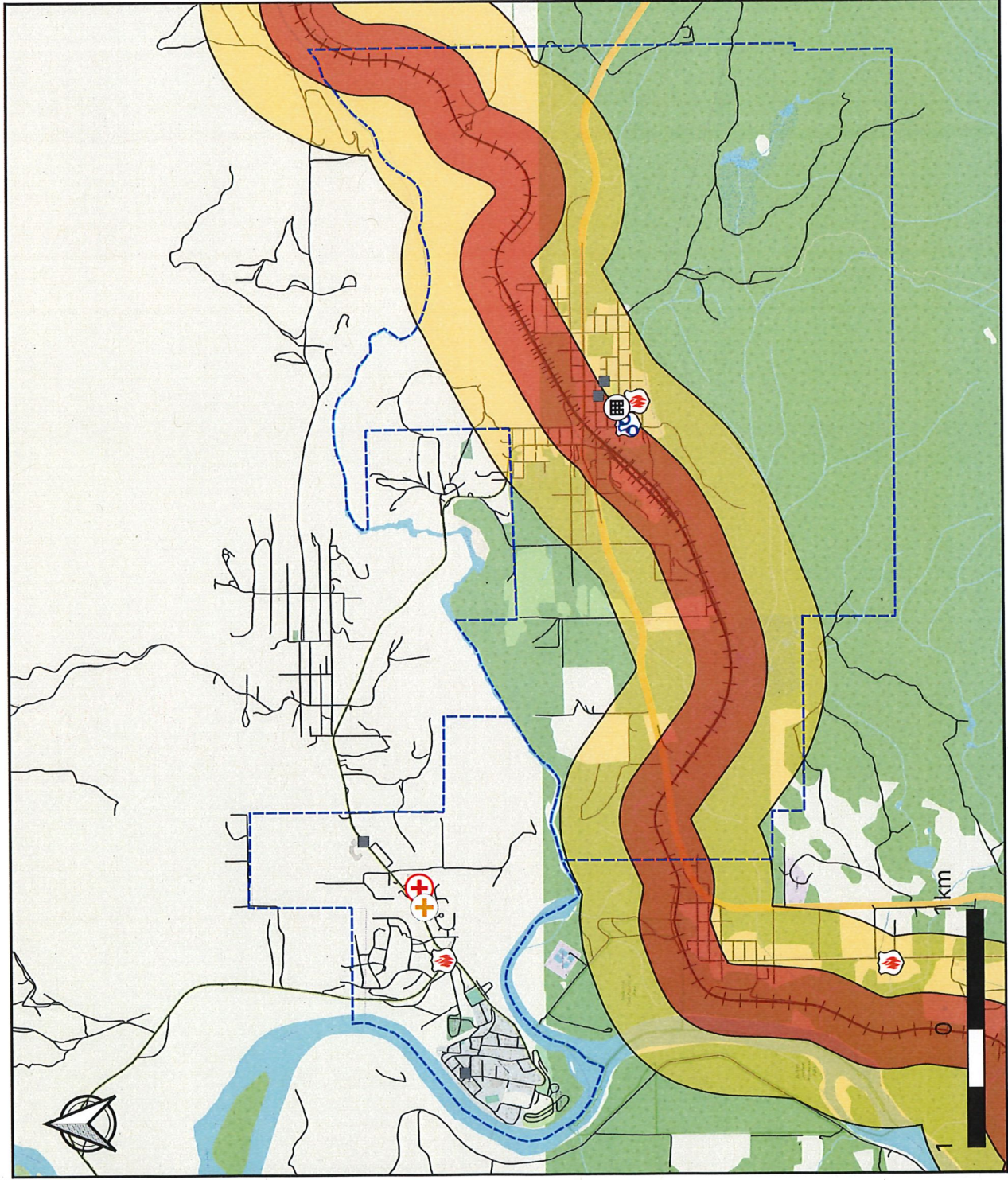


- Ambulance Station
- Fire Station
- Police Station
- Hospital
- Municipal Office
- School
- CN Rail Line
- Roads**
- Highway
- Local Road
- Municipal Boundary
- Spill Evacuation Zone (800 m)
- Fire Evacuation Zone (1600 m)

Distances for evacuation zones are referenced from the North American 2016 Emergency Response Guidebook, available at <https://tc.gc.ca/eng/canute/guide-menu-227.htm>



# Diesel Rail Evacuation Zones - Hazelton

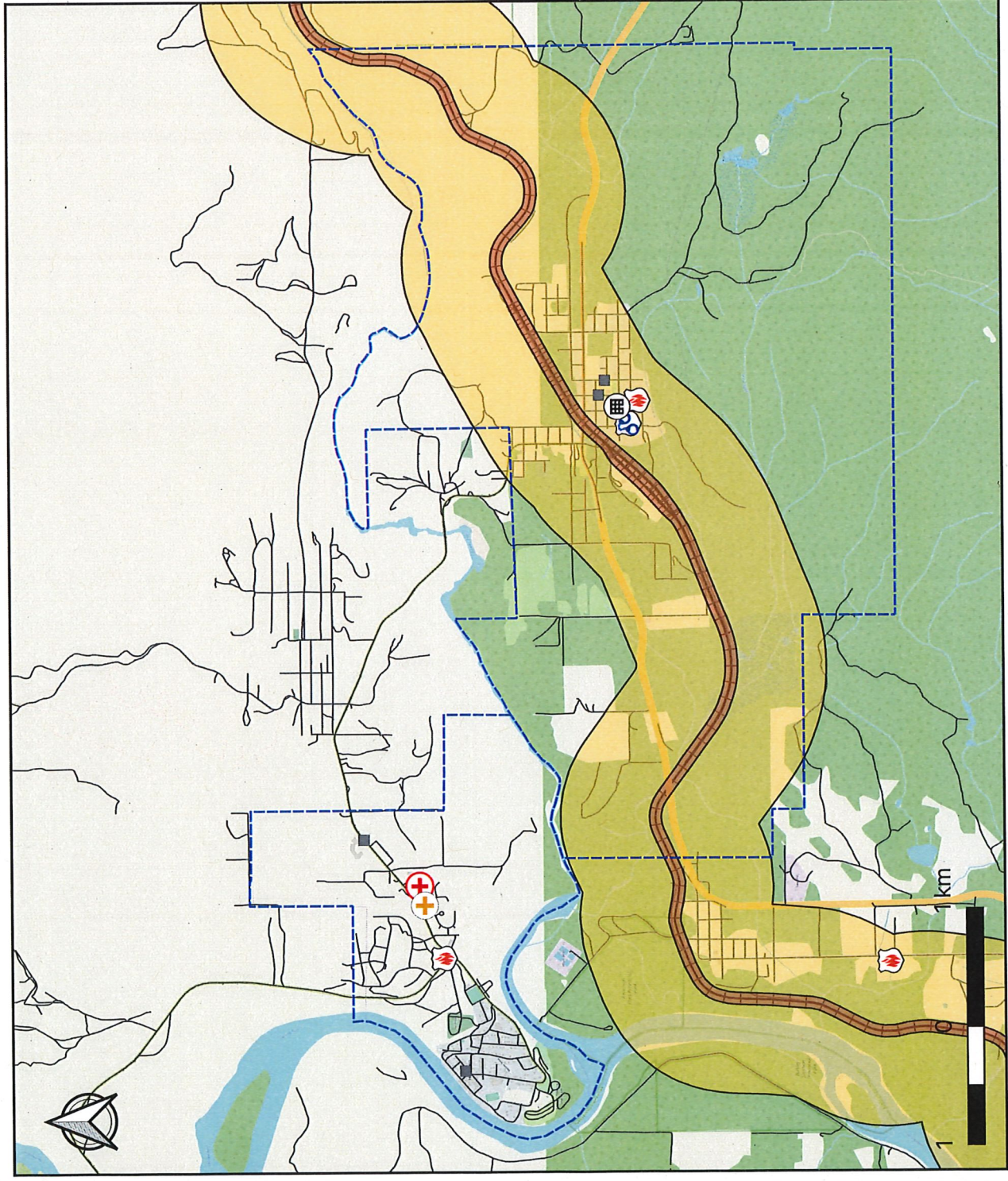


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- Fire Station
- Police Station
- Hospital
- Municipal Office
- School
- CN Rail Line
- Roads**
  - Highway
  - Local Road
- Municipal Boundary
- Spill Evacuation Zone (300 m)
- Fire Evacuation Zone (800 m)

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# Methanol Rail Evacuation Zones - Hazelton



- Ambulance Station
- Fire Station
- Police Station
- Hospital
- Municipal Office
- School
- CN Rail Line
- Roads**
  - Highway
  - Local Road
- Municipal Boundary
- Spill Evacuation Zone (50 m)
- Fire Evacuation Zone (800 m)

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Reference: 259114

October 21, 2020

**VIA EMAIL:** [glowry@newhazelton.ca](mailto:glowry@newhazelton.ca); [info@hazelton.ca](mailto:info@hazelton.ca)

Her Worship Mayor Gail Lowry  
District of New Hazelton  
3026 Bowser Street  
New Hazelton, British Columbia  
V0J 2J0

His Worship Mayor Dennis Sterritt  
Village of Hazelton  
PO Box 40  
Hazelton, British Columbia  
V0J 1Y0

Dear Mayor Gail Lowry and Mayor Dennis Sterritt:

Thank you to your delegation for meeting with Minister Donaldson and other ministry representatives during this year's virtual Union of British Columbia Municipalities (UBCM) Annual Convention process.

Due to the evolving COVID-19 situation, we have had to develop new approaches and adaptations to many aspects of our everyday life. I thank your delegation for its flexibility with provincial appointments this year and I am pleased that our governments still had the chance to connect.

As Deputy Minister, I am pleased to acknowledge the topics raised during your conference call, which included a community forest agreement.

As you explained, the Village of Hazelton and the District of New Hazelton are seeking a revenue source to help their communities with a community centre proposal. I understand you would like this venture to be a partnership with Indigenous peoples and are also hoping to obtain more timber volume.

As the minister stated, the allowable annual cut (AAC) is set by the Office of the Chief Forester. Once the AAC has been determined, the presiding minister can then make decisions regarding apportionment. A review of the timber supply in your area and resulting AAC determination should be completed in 2021.

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# LOGS

## Learner Opportunity Grant Society

Dear New Hazelton Chamber of Commerce,

As the Christmas season is rapidly approaching, LOGS is looking for your continuing support to ensure the Christmas Gift of Literacy is a success. The Gift of Literacy is an event hosted by LOGS annually. The goal of the project is to provide each student in the Hazeltons with an individualized, age appropriate book for Christmas. LOGS communicates and collaborates with local teachers to find the perfect book for each student. LOGS also provides a book selection, a "wrap n rap" and provides Santa Claus drop off events. Each event allows for publicity and we would be happy to broadcast our donors. Each donated book will have a book mark provided and each book mark will publically thank our sponsors. Protocols have been created to ensure each event is covid-19 friendly to ensure the safety of the communities involved.

A national study stated that 48% of adult Canadians have literacy skills that fall below a high school level, which negatively affects their ability to function at work and in their personal lives. Individuals with low fluency or literacy skills are 2.5 times more likely to experience unemployment and more than 30% of students in Northern BC will not graduate from high school, a direct result of a low literacy rate. Improving literacy throughout the Hazeltons will ensure the communities have a bright future. LOGS believes that putting books in the hands of community members, especially children, is an important literacy outreach program that will ultimately support the development of the community.

LOGS has been grateful for the support provided by the town of New Hazelton and we seek monetary support to ensure the Christmas Gift of Literacy is a success. We are asking for a donation of \$500.00 that will go towards purchasing books for all the students of the Hazeltons. If there are questions, concerns, or comments please direct your questions to: [Joshua.Boldt@cmsd.bc.ca](mailto:Joshua.Boldt@cmsd.bc.ca).

Sincerely,

Joshua Boldt

647-929-1077

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