



Staff Report

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TO: Committee of the Whole

FROM: Steve Byford, Director of Protective Services, Fire Chief, CD

DATE: June 1, 2026

SUBJECT: Peace Region Major Event Mutual Aid Agreement

ATTACHMENT(S): [Peace Region Major Event Mutual Aid Agreement](#)

STRATEGIC GOALS & PRIORITIES:

This report complies with the following strategic goals set out by Council:

- Asset Maintenance and Enhancement
- Community Engagement
- Advocacy

Participation in the Peace Region Major Event Mutual Aid Agreement supports the District's strategic priorities by enhancing community safety and emergency preparedness, strengthening regional collaboration and partnerships, promoting organizational resiliency, supporting sustainable emergency response capacity, and protecting critical infrastructure and public safety.

RECOMMENDED RESOLUTION:

That the Committee of the Whole review the proposed Peace Region Major Event Mutual Aid Agreement and recommend that Regular Council authorize the Mayor and Chief Administrative Officer to execute the agreement on behalf of the District of Taylor.

PURPOSE:

To seek Council endorsement of the proposed Peace Region Major Event Mutual Aid Agreement between participating municipalities, regional districts, and fire service agencies within the Peace Region.

BACKGROUND:

Emergency events within the Peace Region continue to increase in scale and complexity, including wildland urban interface fires, industrial emergencies, severe weather events, and other large-scale incidents requiring coordinated regional response

efforts. Recognizing that no single jurisdiction can reasonably maintain sufficient resources for every emergency scenario, participating communities have collaboratively developed the Peace Region Major Event Mutual Aid Agreement. The agreement establishes a formal framework for the provision of emergency mutual aid resources during large-scale emergency incidents that exceed local response capabilities and existing mutual aid arrangements. The agreement includes the following participating parties:

- Peace River Regional District
- District of Chetwynd
- District of Hudson's Hope
- City of Fort St. John
- City of Dawson Creek
- Village of Pouce Coupe
- District of Tumbler Ridge
- District of Taylor, and
- Tomslake and District Volunteer Fire Department Society

The agreement establishes a standardized process for requesting and deploying emergency resources during a "Major Event," defined as an emergency situation that exceeds local response capacity and existing mutual aid agreements. Meaning that all current mutual aid agreements that any party may already have in place must be utilized prior to any request under this agreement.

Key components of the agreement include:

- Formalized processes for requesting and providing emergency resources;
- Adoption of a common Incident Command System (ICS) structure;
- Standardized firefighter competency identification practices;
- Coordinated communications procedures and radio interoperability;
- Annual inter-agency consultation and training commitments;
- Clarification of liability, indemnification, and insurance requirements;
- Defined reimbursement provisions for extraordinary resource deployments; and
- Established governance and dispute resolution processes.

The agreement is intended to improve regional coordination, reduce delays in resource deployment, and strengthen emergency response resiliency throughout the Peace Region.

LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS:

The agreement includes provisions respecting:

- Liability limitations;
- Indemnification between participating agencies;
- Insurance requirements;

- Operational authority during deployments; and
- Arbitration-based dispute resolution processes

The agreement has been structured to align with existing emergency management and local government authorities within the Province of British Columbia. It has also already undergone a review by the Municipal Insurance Association of BC and was previously circulated through the Corporate Services department for their comments.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

The agreement does not create an immediate direct financial obligation beyond existing operational preparedness responsibilities. Each participating party is responsible for maintaining its own insurance coverage and for costs associated with normal mutual aid deployment. Where additional emergency resources are requested beyond the scope of standard mutual aid, reimbursement provisions are included within the agreement based on current British Columbia Inter-Agency Working Group reimbursement rates.

Potential future costs may include:

- Joint training initiatives;
- Communications interoperability improvements;
- Administrative coordination; and
- Extraordinary deployment costs recoverable under the agreement.

These costs are anticipated to be manageable within existing departmental operational budgets.

COMMENTS & DISCUSSION:

Attached to this report is a copy of the proposed Peace Region Major Event Mutual Aid Agreement for the Committee's review.

COMMUNICATION:

Staff will communicate Council's decision to the other parties in the agreement. All other parties named in the agreement are also in the process of presenting similar reports to their respective Councils and Boards.

ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS:

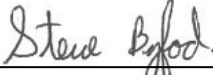
The Committee of the Whole may refer the agreement back to staff for further review or amendments.

SUMMARY & CONCLUSION:

The proposed agreement establishes a formal regional governance framework for emergency mutual aid coordination while preserving the operational authority and discretion of each participating Fire Chief. Participation in the agreement remains

voluntary, and any participating party may terminate the agreement with ninety (90) days written notice. The agreement has an initial five-year term.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:



Steve Byford
Fire Chief

The District of Taylor's guiding principle is "Safety, Family, then Work."

PEACE REGION MAJOR EVENT MUTUAL AID AGREEMENT

This AGREEMENT made the _____ day of _____, 2026.

AMONG:

PEACE RIVER REGIONAL DISTRICT

1981 Alaska Avenue
PO Box 810
Dawson Creek, BC V1G 4H8

(the "PRRD")

OF THE FIRST PART

AND:

DISTRICT OF CHETWYND

5400 Hospital Road
PO Box 357
Chetwynd, BC V0C 1J0

("Chetwynd")

OF THE SECOND PART

AND:

DISTRICT OF HUDSON'S HOPE

9904 Dudley Drive
PO Box 330
Hudson's Hope, BC V0C 1V0

("Hudson's Hope")

OF THE THIRD PART

AND:

CITY OF FORT ST. JOHN

10631 – 100 St.
Fort St. John, BC V1J 3Z5

("Fort St. John")

OF THE FOURTH PART

AND:

THE CITY OF DAWSON CREEK

10105 – 12A Street PO
Box 357
Dawson Creek, BC V1G 3V7

(“Dawson Creek”)

OF THE FIFTH PART

AND:

VILLAGE OF POUCE COUPE

5012 – 19th Street PO
Box 190
Pouce Coupe, BC V0C 2C0

(“Pouce Coupe”)

OF THE SIXTH PART

AND:

DISTRICT OF TUMBLER RIDGE

325 Iles Way
PO Box 100
Tumbler Ridge, BC V0C 2W0

(“Tumbler Ridge”)

OF THE SEVENTH PART

AND:

DISTRICT OF TAYLOR

PO Box 300
Taylor, BC V0C 2K0

(“Taylor”)

OF THE EIGHTH PART

AND:

TOMSLAKE AND DISTRICT VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT SOCIETY (S-181219)

15407 Tomslake Drive
PO Box 49
Tomslake, BC V0C 2L0

(“Tomslake”)

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PREAMBLE

Jurisdictions of all sizes may encounter situations where their existing resources are insufficient to adequately respond to major emergencies. Such incidents can rapidly deplete local MUTUAL AID capabilities, necessitating the acquisition of additional resources. Large-scale events, including but not limited to wildland fires and other extensive emergencies, often demand supplementary staffing, equipment, and supplies. Moreover, certain incidents may require specialized equipment or a combination of resources, particularly during the initial OPERATIONAL PERIODs of the emergency response.

WHEREAS, the escalating complexity of emergency response services renders it virtually impossible for any single jurisdiction to independently maintain and deploy adequate resources for every conceivable emergency scenario;

AND WHEREAS, EMERGENCY RESPONSE frequently requires a rapid deployment of additional or specialized resources from a number of potential responding fire departments. The intention of this AGREEMENT is intended to minimize delay in securing additional resources;

AND WHEREAS the PRRD has established a local service area for rural fire protection services known as the Moberly Lake Fire Protection Service Area shown on Schedule A;

AND WHEREAS the PRRD has established and maintains and operates a fire protection service in the rural area around the community of Charlie Lake as shown on Schedule B;

AND WHEREAS, the District of Chetwynd has established, maintains, and operates a fire protection service within their boundaries and within a rural FIRE PROTECTION AREA, through agreement with the Peace River Regional District as shown on Schedule C;

AND WHEREAS the District of Hudson's Hope has established, maintains, and operates a fire protection service within its boundaries as shown on Schedule D;

AND WHEREAS, the City of Fort St. John has established, maintains, and operates a fire protection service within their boundaries and within a rural FIRE PROTECTION AREA, through agreement with the Peace River Regional District as shown on Schedule E;

AND WHEREAS, the City of Dawson Creek has established, maintains, and operates a fire protection service within their boundaries and within a rural FIRE PROTECTION AREA, through agreement with the Peace River Regional District as shown on Schedule F;

AND WHEREAS, the Village of Pouce Coupe has established, maintains, and operates a fire protection service within their boundaries and within a rural FIRE PROTECTION AREA, through agreement with the Peace River Regional District as shown on Schedule G;

AND WHEREAS, the District of Tumbler Ridge has established, maintains, and operates a fire protection service within their boundaries as shown on Schedule H;

AND WHEREAS, the District of Taylor has established, maintains, and operates a fire protection service within their boundaries and within a rural FIRE PROTECTION AREA, through agreement with the Peace River Regional District as shown on Schedule I;

AND WHEREAS, the Tomslake and District Volunteer Fire Department has established, maintains and operates a fire protection service in the rural area around the communities of Tomslake, Tupper and Gundy, BC, through the Tomslake Fire Protection Service Area Establishment Bylaw No. 362, 1993 and amendment Bylaws No's 1401, 2002 and 1535, 2004 defined as the Tomslake Protection Service Area and shown on Schedule 'J';

AND WHEREAS the PRRD, Chetwynd, Hudson's Hope, Fort St. John, Dawson Creek, Pouce Coupe, Tumbler Ridge, Taylor and Tomslake (collectively, the "PARTIES") desire to enter into an AGREEMENT whereby EMERGENCY RESOURCES can be deployed to assist the other PARTY during an emergency resulting from a MAJOR EVENT;

AND WHEREAS each of the PARTIES is authorized to enter into this AGREEMENT and has empowered their signatories to execute this AGREEMENT which for certainty, includes schedules A through J;

NOW THEREFORE THIS AGREEMENT WITNESSES THAT, in consideration of the mutual covenants and AGREEMENTs contained herein and subject to the terms and conditions herein, the PARTIES agree as follows:

1. DEFINITIONS

In this AGREEMENT:

"AGREEMENT" means this AGREEMENT, cited as the "PEACE REGION MAJOR EVENT MUTUAL AID AGREEMENT", hereinafter referred to as the 'AGREEMENT';

"CONSUMABLES" refer to products and supplies intended for single use or recurrent consumption during emergency operations, including but not limited to firefighting agents, potable water, medical supplies, and personal protective equipment. These items are typically depleted or rendered unusable through their application in various emergency incidents.

"EMERGENCY RESOURCES" encompass all personnel, apparatus, equipment, and materials that are; Owned or maintained by the PARTY; In active service to the PARTY's fire and emergency services; or Directly accessible to the PARTY for immediate deployment in emergency operations. This definition includes, but is not limited to, firefighting personnel, specialized response teams, vehicles, tools, and any other assets that can be mobilized for emergency response purposes.

"FIRE CHIEF" means for each PARTY, the senior employee or appointed person responsible for the fire services of the PARTY and includes the deputy or delegate of the FIRE CHIEF;

"FIRE PROTECTION AREA" means the service area within which a PARTY provides fire or emergency services;

"INCIDENT COMMAND SYSTEM" means the Incident Command System (ICS) is the organizational structure employed by government agencies in British Columbia, in order to manage major emergencies.

"MAJOR EVENT" is defined as an emergency situation, whether naturally occurring or human-induced, that meets one or more of the following criteria; Impacts, or has the potential to impact, multiple FIRE PROTECTION AREAS; Requires resources that exceed the capacity of the affected jurisdiction, including those available through existing mutual aid AGREEMENTs; Necessitates a response that is beyond the scope of normal operations and local MUTUAL AID capabilities. Such events may include, but are not limited to, large-scale natural disasters, complex industrial accidents, or widespread public safety emergencies that overwhelm local response capabilities and require regional or multi-jurisdictional coordination.

"MUTUAL AID" refers to the assistance provided by one PARTY to another under the terms of this AGREEMENT. Specifically, it encompasses; The provision of one (1) fully staffed apparatus, which may include the following apparatus: Aerial, Engine, Tender, Rescue, Wildland, or other support units; Additional personnel and/or apparatus beyond the initial unit, which may be requested as needed. It is important to note that the deployment of resources beyond the initial fully staffed apparatus may result in compensation, as outlined in Section 8(ii) of this AGREEMENT.

"PARTY" means a local government, municipality, regional district, or volunteer fire department that has entered into this AGREEMENT and is identified in the preamble and recitals of this AGREEMENT. **"PARTIES"** means all such local governments or fire departments collectively.

"PRIMARY MUTUAL AID" refers to all existing MUTUAL AID resources and AGREEMENTs that a PARTY is obligated to utilize or exhaust before invoking the provisions of this AGREEMENT. This includes, but is not limited to, local mutual aid AGREEMENTs with neighboring jurisdictions, and automatic aid arrangements.

“PROVIDING PARTY” means a PARTY receiving a request for assistance under this AGREEMENT;

“OPERATIONAL PERIOD” means twenty-four (24) hours;

“REQUESTING PARTY” means a PARTY requesting assistance under this AGREEMENT.

2. REQUESTS FOR MAJOR EVENT MUTUAL AID

- i. When the FIRE CHIEF or their designate of a REQUESTING PARTY determines that (i) the resources of their local government are insufficient to provide adequate EMERGENCY RESOURCES, (ii) all PRIMARY MUTUAL AID options have been exhausted or are unavailable, and (iii) a large-scale emergency situation resulting from a MAJOR EVENT is occurring or is imminent, they may request MUTUAL AID from another PARTY under this AGREEMENT. In submitting such a request, the FIRE CHIEF or designate shall clearly specify the type of apparatus required (e.g., "one structural engine").
- ii. Upon receiving a request for EMERGENCY RESOURCES from a REQUESTING PARTY, the FIRE CHIEF of the PROVIDING PARTY shall assess the availability of resources at their discretion and determine what can be dispatched without compromising local services. The FIRE CHIEF retains the right to decline the request if the requested resources are unavailable or if fulfilling the request would jeopardize their ability to provide adequate service within their own jurisdiction. This AGREEMENT does not obligate the PROVIDING PARTY to dispatch EMERGENCY RESOURCES under such circumstances.
- iii. The FIRE CHIEF of the PROVIDING PARTY shall dispatch only personnel with the appropriate training and expertise relevant to the nature of the emergency identified by the REQUESTING PARTY.
- iv. The Fire Chief of the PROVIDING PARTY retains the unilateral right to recall, at any time and for any reason, any EMERGENCY RESOURCES provided to the REQUESTING PARTY under this AGREEMENT. Such recall may be executed at the Fire Chief's sole discretion. The PROVIDING PARTY shall not be held liable for any loss, cost, damages, or expenses incurred as a result of this recall action. This provision ensures the PROVIDING PARTY's ability to respond to changing circumstances within their own jurisdiction while participating in MUTUAL AID.
- v. Upon receiving notification from the FIRE CHIEF of the PROVIDING PARTY regarding the recall of supplies, equipment, personnel, information, or other resources under Section 2(iv) of this AGREEMENT, the FIRE CHIEF of the REQUESTING PARTY shall immediately cease use of the recalled resources and promptly return all such items to the PROVIDING PARTY.
- vi. During the provision of MUTUAL AID under this AGREEMENT, all supplies, equipment, personnel, information, and other resources provided by the PROVIDING PARTY shall remain under the operational direction and control of the FIRE CHIEF of the PROVIDING PARTY. The FIRE CHIEF shall ensure adherence to recognized principles of incident command, maintain accountability for responder safety, and comply with established fire and emergency management protocols to promote effective and safe emergency response.
- vii. When personnel from multiple jurisdictions are present at an emergency scene, all PARTIES shall operate under the established INCIDENT COMMAND SYSTEM. The FIRE CHIEF of the REQUESTING PARTY, or their designate, shall assume the role of Incident Commander, unless otherwise agreed upon or dictated by jurisdictional protocols. FIRE CHIEFS or representatives from PROVIDING PARTIES shall integrate into the ICS structure as appropriate, ensuring a coordinated and efficient multi-agency response while maintaining clear lines of authority and communication.
- viii. The provision of MUTUAL AID under this AGREEMENT is strictly limited to the geographical boundaries of the Province of British Columbia. This AGREEMENT does not extend to, nor imply coverage for, any territories or jurisdictions outside the provincial borders, regardless of any separate AGREEMENTs that signatory fire departments may have with extra-provincial entities. All PARTIES acknowledge and agree

that their obligations and rights under this AGREEMENT are confined to intra-provincial emergency response and resource sharing.

- ix. MUTUAL AID provided under this AGREEMENT is primarily intended to support the stabilization and mitigation of emergency events for a single OPERATIONAL PERIOD. Any extension beyond this initial period requires explicit AGREEMENT between both the REQUESTING and PROVIDING PARTIES.
- x. The FIRE CHIEF of the REQUESTING PARTY shall, at the earliest practicable opportunity, release and return all supplies, equipment, personnel, information, and other resources provided by the PROVIDING PARTY that are no longer essential for emergency operations within the REQUESTING PARTY's jurisdiction.
- xi. Upon release and return of equipment or other resources, the FIRE CHIEF of the REQUESTING PARTY shall ensure that all items provided by the PROVIDING PARTY are returned in the same operational condition as when initially received. This obligation encompasses maintaining the functionality, integrity, and cleanliness of all resources throughout their deployment.

3. COMMUNICATION

- i. During responses for which EMERGENCY RESOURCES of both a REQUESTING PARTY and PROVIDING PARTY are deployed, the predetermined radio channels listed below will be utilized for communications at the discretion of the REQUESTING PARTY.

<u>Channel Name</u>	<u>Tx/Rx Frequency</u>
OFC Coordination	155.460
OFC Command	150.350
TACT 1	155.280
TACT 2	154.235

- ii. It is the responsibility of each user to obtain the necessary licensing from Industry Canada prior to installing or utilizing these frequencies.

4. POWERS/AUTHORITY

Notwithstanding Clause 2(vi), the PROVIDING PARTY shall have operational powers and authority equivalent to those in its own jurisdiction while operating within the REQUESTING PARTY's FIRE PROTECTION AREA, specifically for the mitigation of the MAJOR EVENT for which MUTUAL AID is requested. This authority is limited to actions directly related to the emergency, must align with the established Incident Command System, does not override the REQUESTING PARTY's Incident Commander, and expires upon the conclusion of the MUTUAL AID period or when released by the REQUESTING PARTY.

5. TRAINING AND IDENTIFICATION

The PARTIES in this AGREEMENT hereby establish and commit to the following standards and procedures:

- i. Competency Identification:
 - a. Implement a standardized system for identifying firefighter competency levels in accordance with the British Columbia Structure Firefighter Minimum Training Standards.
 - b. All firefighters operating at the exterior level only, as defined by current British Columbia Structure Firefighter Minimum Training Standards, must be clearly identified. The specific method of identification shall be agreed upon by all PARTIES at an annual meeting. All PARTIES are required to implement this agreed-upon identification for their respective exterior-level firefighters. Initially, this identification shall consist of a green decal labeled "EXTERIOR" on their helmets, subject to review and potential modification at subsequent annual meetings.

- ii. Incident Command System:
 - a. Adopt and utilize a uniform INCIDENT COMMAND SYSTEM for all MUTUAL AID calls, ensuring consistency across jurisdictions.
- iii. Annual Review and Improvement:
 - a. Conduct mandatory annual consultations to:
 - i. Evaluate and enhance mutual response strategies.
 - ii. Develop and implement joint training initiatives.
 - iii. Assess and ensure full interoperability of equipment and connections across all participating jurisdictions.
 - iv. Review, confirm, and if necessary, update the identification method for exterior-level firefighters.

6. INDEMNIFICATION, WAIVER AND INSURANCE

- i. Indemnification:
 - a. The REQUESTING PARTY shall indemnify the PROVIDING PARTY against all claims, demands, losses, costs, damages, actions, and other proceedings arising from or related to the provision of EMERGENCY RESOURCES under this AGREEMENT.
 - b. The REQUESTING PARTY shall not be responsible or liable for any claims, demands, losses, costs, damages, actions, or other proceedings resulting from the negligence of the PROVIDING PARTY, its servants, agents, or employees in connection with this AGREEMENT.
- ii. Liability Limitations:
 - a. No REQUESTING PARTY shall bring any action, claim, or demand against a PROVIDING PARTY regarding decisions made by the PROVIDING PARTY'S FIRE CHIEF concerning the provision or non-provision of EMERGENCY RESOURCES.
 - b. No PARTY to this AGREEMENT shall be liable in damages to another PARTY for:
 - i. Failing to respond to a request for assistance, or
 - ii. Failing to render assistance under this AGREEMENT.
- iii. Insurance Requirements:
 - a. Each PARTY shall procure and maintain, at its own cost, a comprehensive general liability insurance policy with coverage of not less than \$5,000,000.00 for the entire duration of this AGREEMENT.
 - b. Each PARTY shall add all other PARTIES as additional insureds to their respective liability insurance policies for the purpose of MUTUAL AID.
 - c. Each PARTY shall provide written confirmation of this insurance coverage, including a copy from the insurance provider, to all other PARTIES within 30-days of the effective date of this AGREEMENT.

7. EXTERNAL COORDINATION

- i. Each PARTY shall set out a process for dealing with its dispatch provider to ensure that MUTUAL AID resources are properly activated for providing mutual assistance under this AGREEMENT. Each PARTY agrees to notify its dispatch provider of any changes to the AGREEMENT and any changes to FIRE

PROTECTION AREAS.

- ii. Any changes to the FIRE PROTECTION AREAS defined in Schedules A through J require a duly authorized amendment to this AGREEMENT. For clarity, if written consent is not provided, the AGREEMENT remains unchanged; therefore, MAJOR EVENTS MUTUAL AID may not apply to the additional area(s), and EMERGENCY RESOURCES may not be provided for those areas.

8. REIMBURSEMENT

- i. The PROVIDING PARTY shall be responsible for all costs incurred in connection with the gathering, movement, and deployment of MAJOR EVENT MUTUAL AID to the REQUESTING PARTY.
- ii. In the event that a REQUESTING PARTY requires EMERGENCY RESOURCES beyond the scope of MUTUAL AID, and a PROVIDING PARTY furnishes such additional resources, the PROVIDING PARTY is entitled to seek compensation from the REQUESTING PARTY. This compensation will be calculated in accordance with the current year's British Columbia Inter-Agency Working Group Reimbursement Rates for the excess EMERGENCY RESOURCES provided.
- iii. Expenses for CONSUMABLES in excess of \$1,500.00 borne by a PROVIDING PARTY while providing MUTUAL AID may be billed to the REQUESTING PARTY prior to the end of the calendar year. Any invoice will be accompanied by an inventory of CONSUMABLES used, including the location and date of the incident requiring the use of the CONSUMABLES.

9. NOTICE

- i. Any PARTY to this AGREEMENT may terminate its rights and obligations under this AGREEMENT by giving ninety (90) days written notice of its intentions to do so to the other PARTIES to this AGREEMENT and thereafter shall be unconditionally released from any further obligation herein save and except any obligation up to the date of termination.
- ii. Where a PARTY to this AGREEMENT terminates its rights and obligations under this AGREEMENT, this AGREEMENT shall continue in force between the remaining PARTIES.
- iii. Notices of other communications (other than requests for assistance) under this AGREEMENT shall be sufficiently given if delivered to the following addresses:

Chief Administrative Officer, Peace River Regional
District PO Box 810, Dawson Creek, BC V1G 4H8

Chief Administrative Officer, District of Chetwynd
PO Box 357, Chetwynd, BC VOC 1J0

Chief Administrative Officer, District of Hudson's Hope
PO Box 330, Hudson's Hope, BC VOC 1V0

Chief Administrative Officer, City of Fort St. John
10631 – 100 St. Fort St. John, BC V1J 3Z5

Chief Administrative Officer, City of Dawson Creek PO
Box 357 Dawson Creek, BC V1G 3V7

Chief Administrative Officer, Village of Pouce Coupe
PO Box 190 Pouce Coupe, BC VOC 2C0

Chief Administrative Officer, District of Tumbler Ridge
PO Box 100, Tumbler Ridge, BC VOC 2W0

Chief Administrative Officer, District of Taylor
PO Box 300 Taylor, BC V0C 2K0

President, Tomslake and District Volunteer Fire Department
PO Box 49, Tomslake, BC V0C 2L0

10. TERM

This AGREEMENT shall remain in force and effect for a period of five (5) years from the date of execution, subject to termination under Clause 9 above.

11. SEVERABILITY OF INTERESTS:

For the purposes of this AGREEMENT, each PARTY's interests shall be deemed severable, and the acts or omissions of one PARTY shall not affect the rights or obligations of the other PARTY under this AGREEMENT.

12. DISPUTE RESOLUTION

The PARTIES hereto agree that in the case of any dispute arising between the PARTIES as to their respective rights and obligations under this AGREEMENT, a PARTY shall be entitled to give the other PARTY notice of such dispute and to request arbitration thereof; and the PARTIES may, with respect to the particular matters in dispute, agree to submit the same to arbitration in accordance with the Arbitration Act, S.B.C 2020 c. 2, as may be amended from time to time.

13. GENERAL PROVISIONS

- i. This AGREEMENT shall be construed according to the laws of the Province of British Columbia.
- ii. This AGREEMENT shall not be assignable by either PARTY without the prior written consent of the other PARTIES, and any attempt to assign the rights, duties and obligations hereunder without such consent shall be of no effect.
- iii. This AGREEMENT shall inure to the benefit and be binding upon the PARTIES hereto and their respective successors and assigns.
- iv. This AGREEMENT may be executed in any number of counterparts and transmitted by electronic means, and if so executed and transmitted, this AGREEMENT will be for all purposes as effective as if the PARTIES had delivered an executed original AGREEMENT.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF the PARTIES hereto have affixed the signatures of their respective officers duly authorized for such purpose.

SIGNED on behalf of the **Peace River Regional District** by:

Chair

Chief Administrative Officer

SIGNED on behalf of the **District of Chetwynd** by:

Mayor

Chief Administrative Officer

SIGNED on behalf of the **District of Hudson's Hope** by:

Mayor

Chief Administrative Officer

SIGNED on behalf of the **City of Fort St. John** by:

Mayor

Chief Administrative Officer

SIGNED on behalf of the **City of Dawson Creek** by:

Mayor

Chief Administrative Officer

SIGNED on behalf of the **Village of Pouce Coupe** by:

Mayor

Chief Administrative Officer

SIGNED on behalf of the **District of Tumbler Ridge** by:

Mayor

Chief Administrative Officer

SIGNED on behalf of the **District of Taylor** by:

Mayor

Chief Administrative Officer

SIGNED on behalf of the **Tomslake and District Volunteer Fire Department Society** by:

President

SCHEDULES

SCHEDULE A – PRRD MOBERLEY LAKE FIRE PROTECTION AREA

SCHEDULE B – PRRD CHARLIE LAKE FIRE PROTECTION AREA

SCHEDULE C – DISTRICT OF CHETWYND & CHETWYND RURAL FIRE PROTECTION AREA

SCHEDULE D – DISTRICT OF HUDSON'S HOPE FIRE PROTECTION AREA

SCHEDULE E – CITY OF FORT ST. JOHN & FORT ST. JOHN RURAL FIRE PROTECTION AREA

SCHEDULE F – CITY OF DAWSON CREEK & DAWSON CREEK RURAL FIRE PROTECTION AREA

SCHEDULE G – VILLAGE OF POUCE COUPE & POUCE COUPE RURAL FIRE PROTECTION AREA

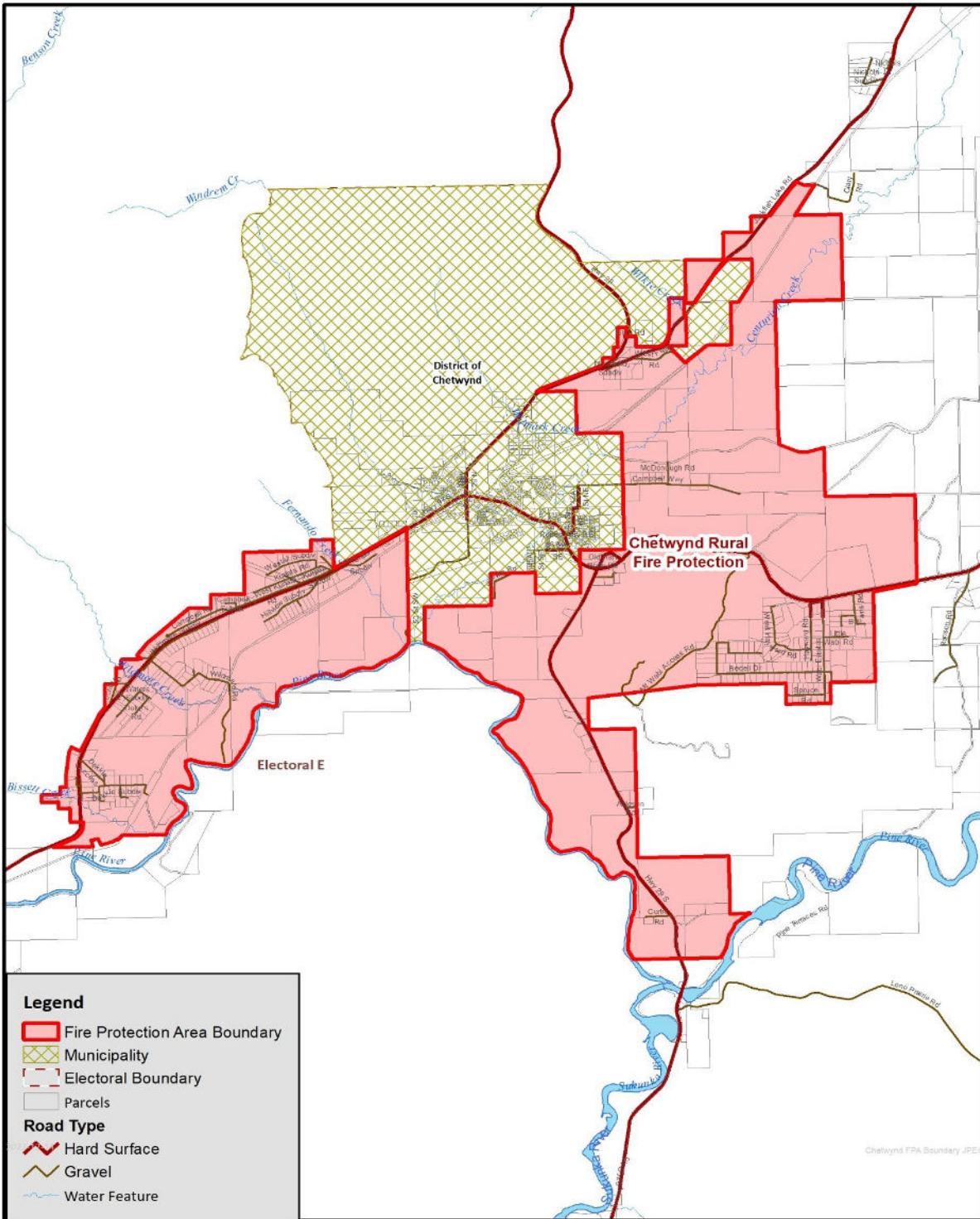
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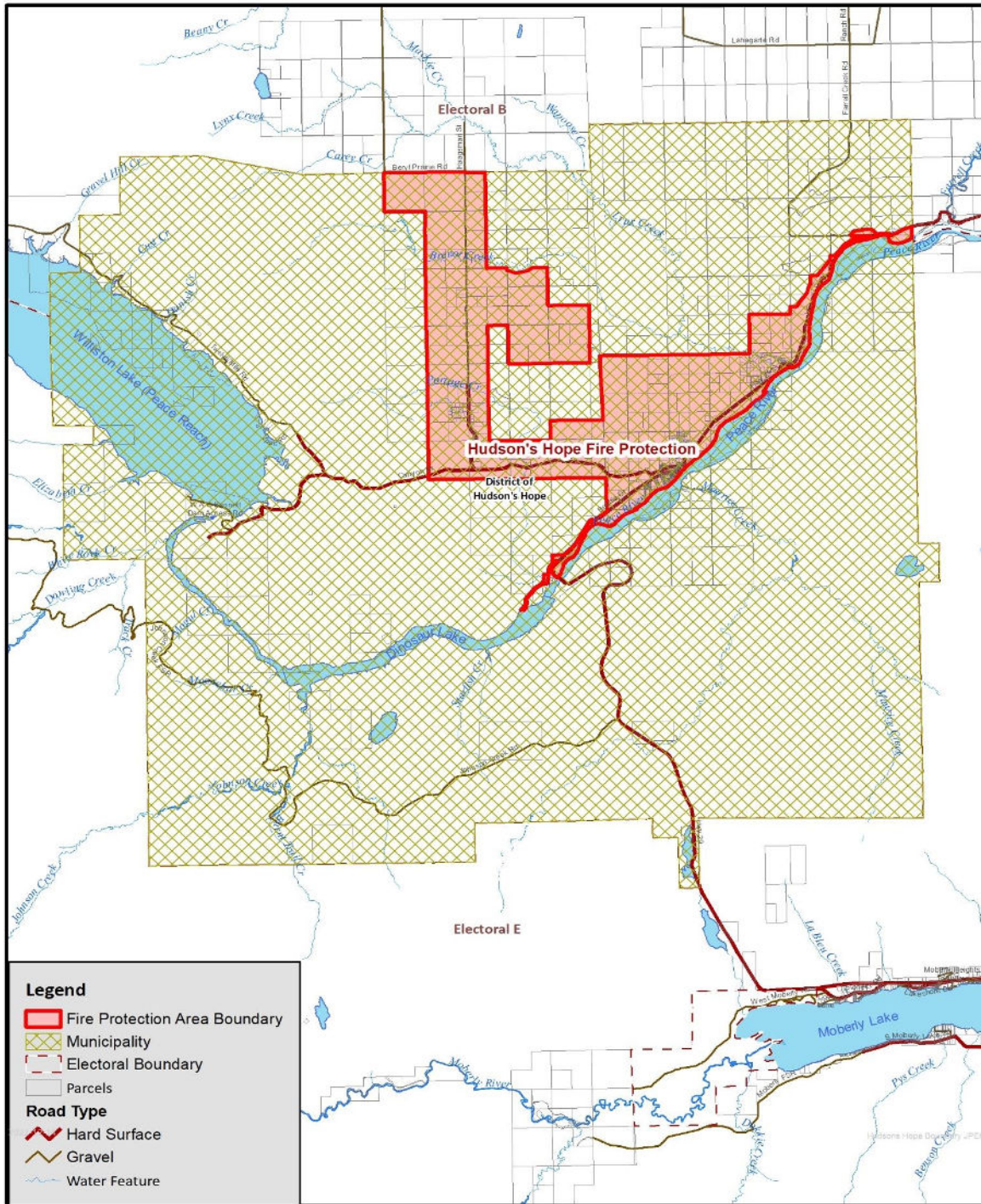
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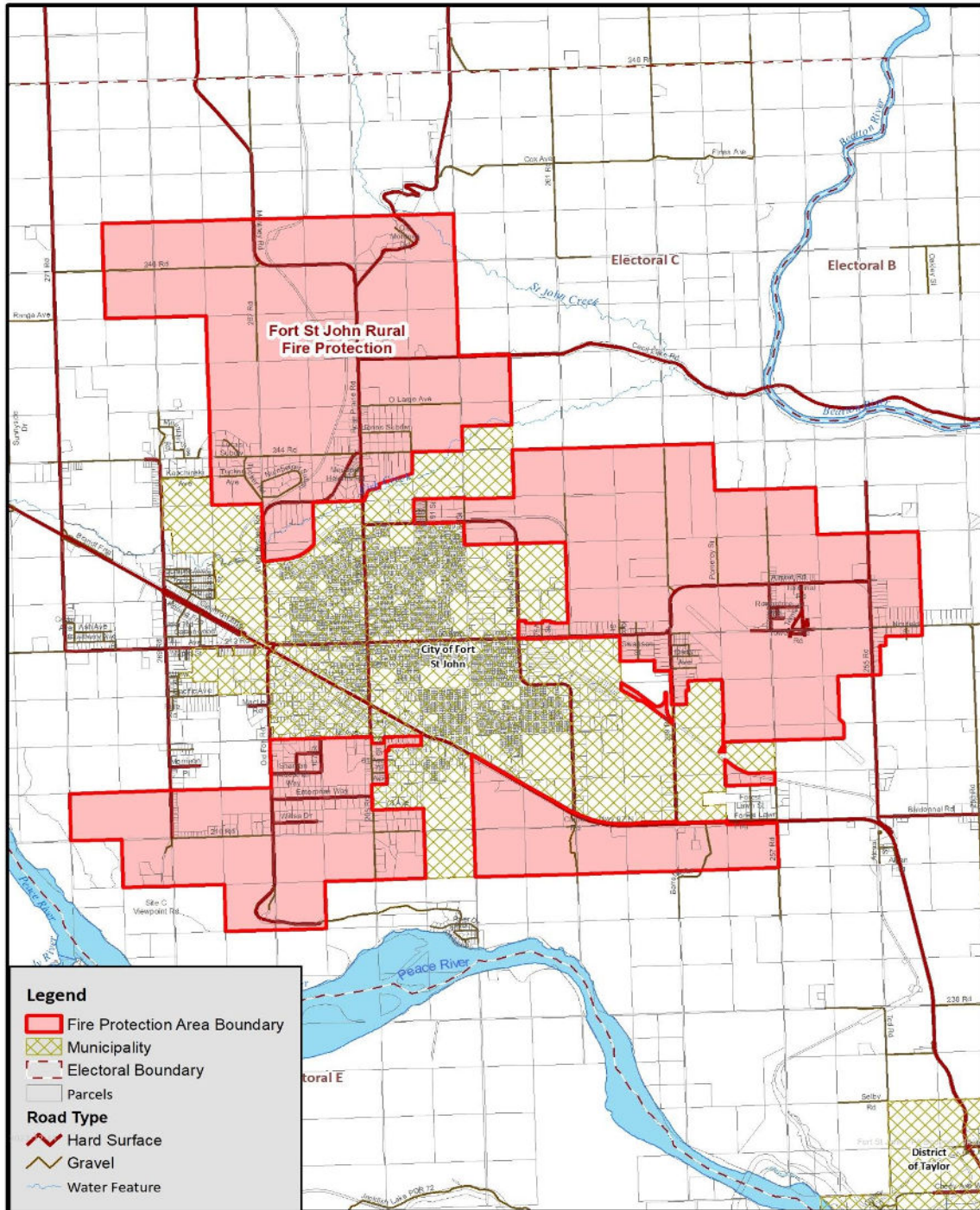
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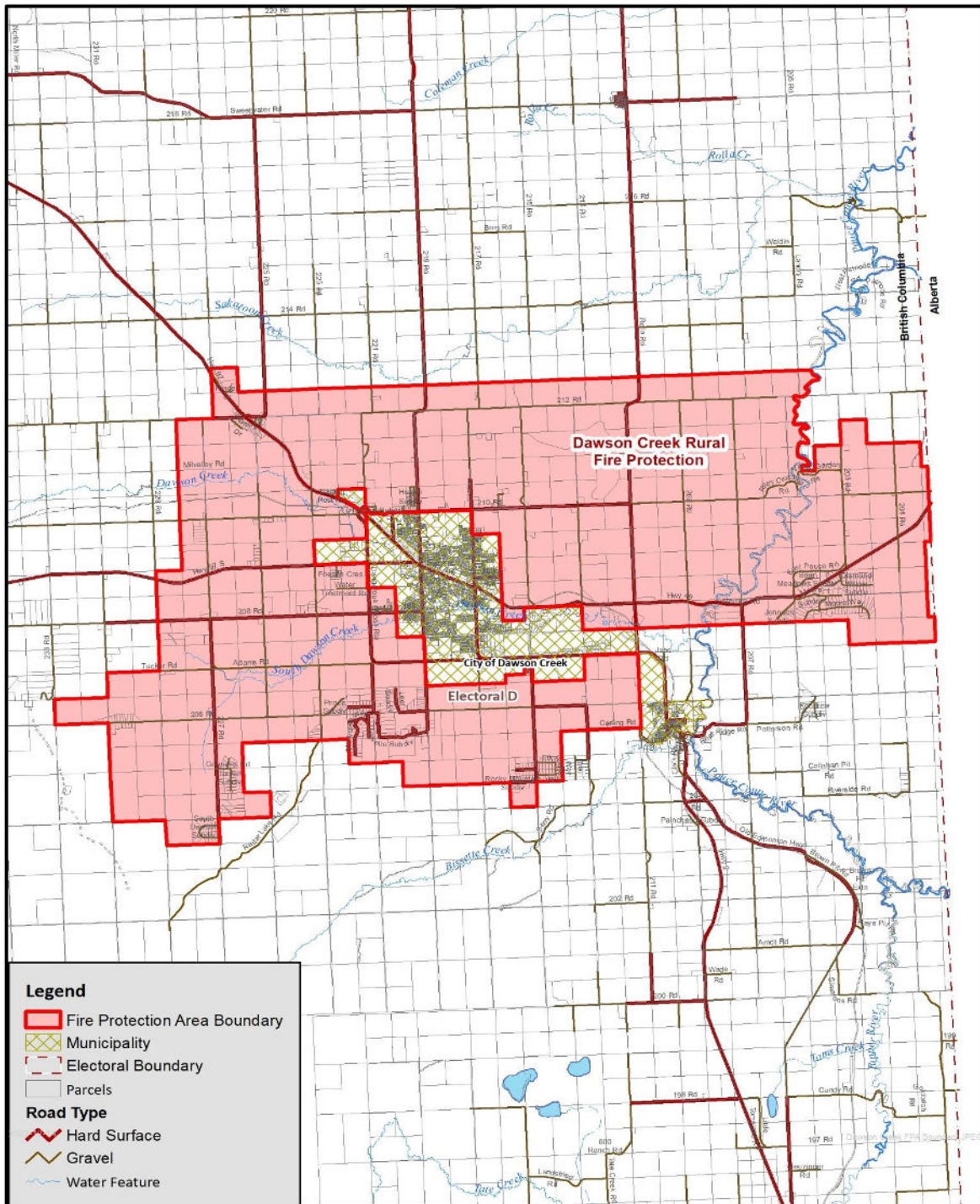
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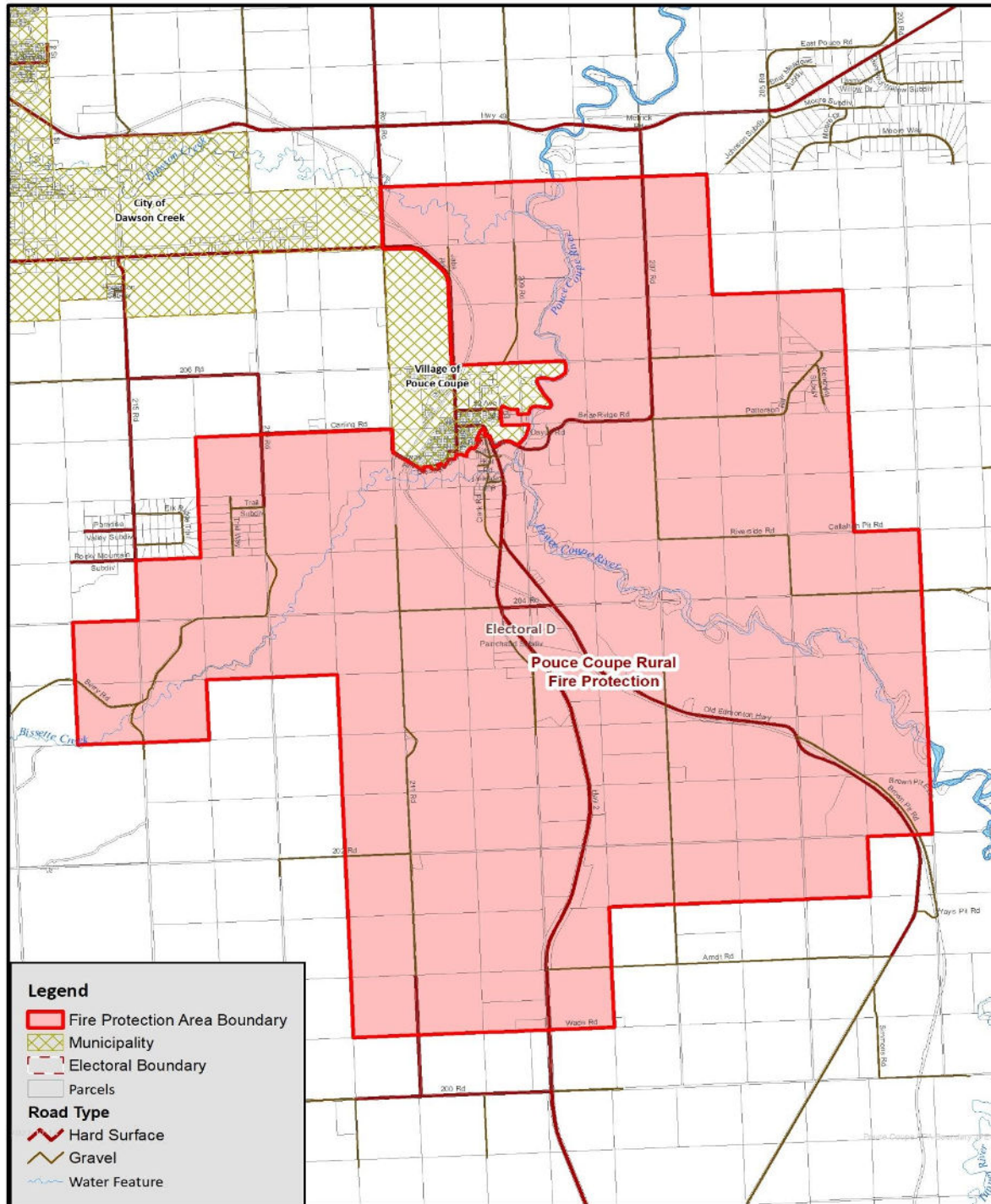
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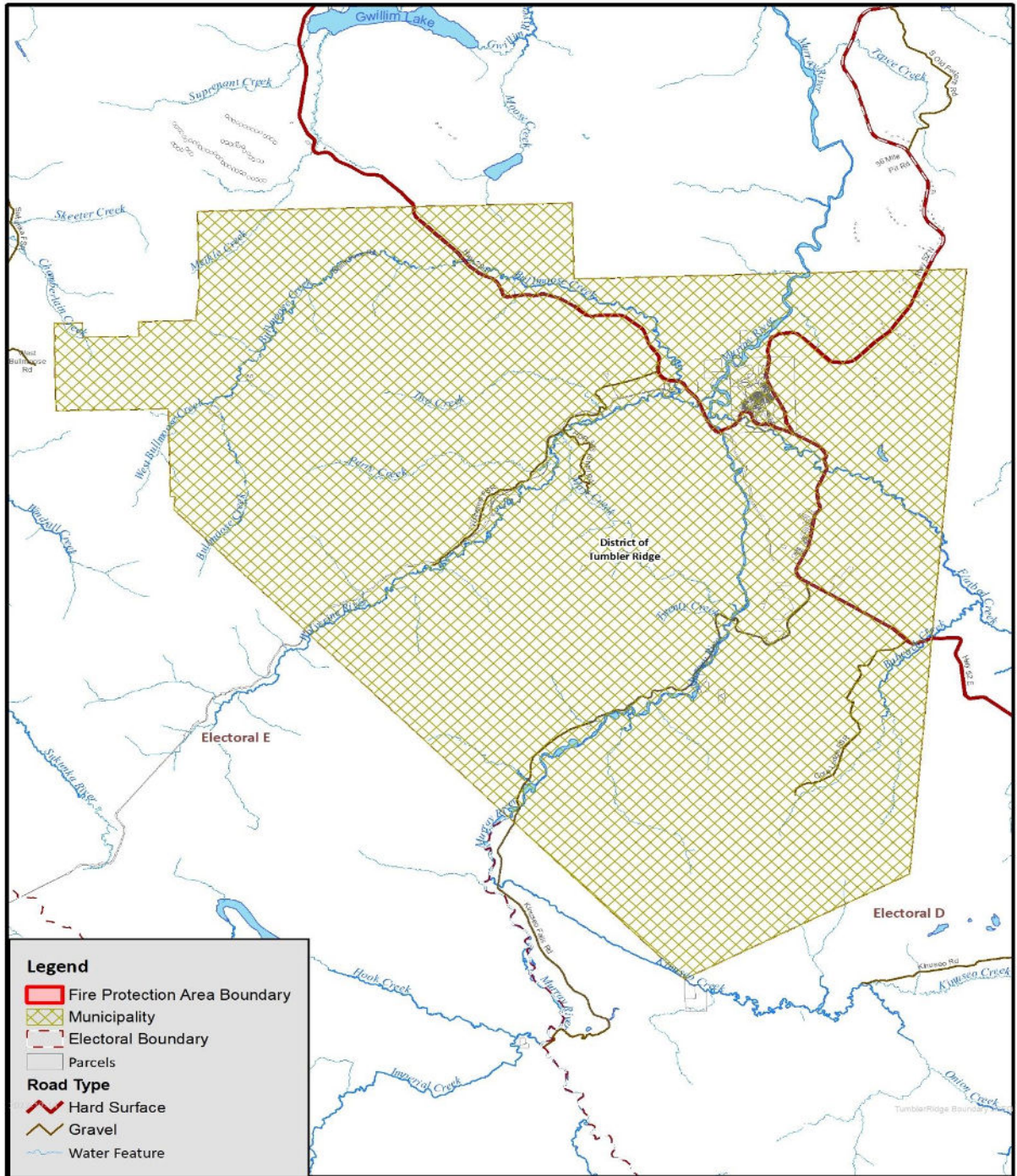
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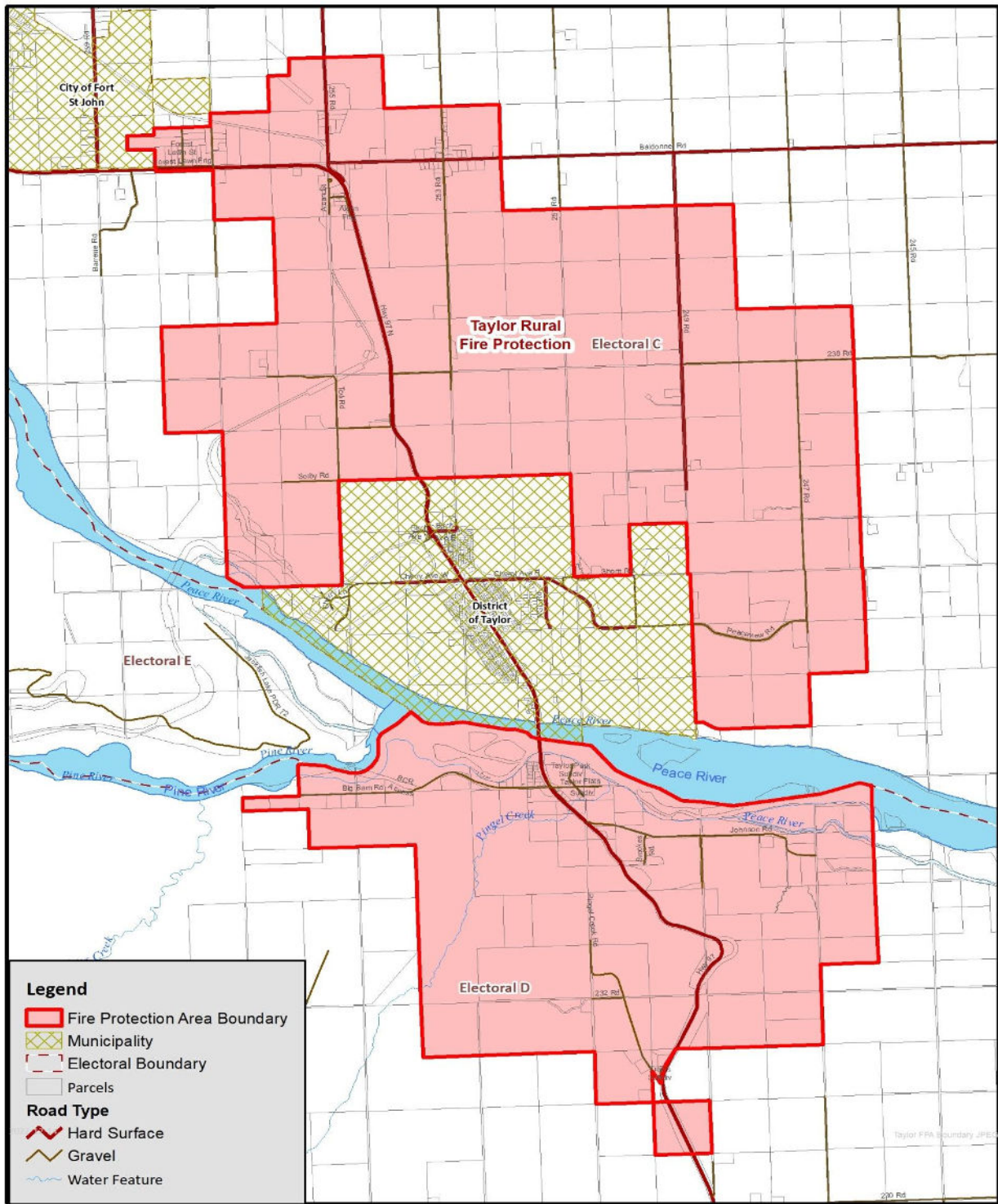
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SCHEDULE H – TUMBLER RIDGE FIRE PROTECTION AREA



SCHEDULE I – TAYLOR FIRE PROTECTION AREA



SCHEDULE J – TOMSLAKE RURAL FIRE PROTECTION AREA

