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Regional District of Fraser-Fort George to provide 9-1-1 services to Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako

The Regional District of Fraser-Fort George has entered into an agreement with the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako to provide 9-1-1 call answer and fire dispatch services to residents of that region.

"We are pleased to welcome the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako to our 9-1-1 Service area. Since 1991, the Regional District of Fraser-Fort George has operated the 9-1-1 service and continues to invest in technological and human resources to improve and expand the service, making it possible for us to market the service to other regional districts in the north," says Dave Wilbur, chairman of the Regional District of Fraser-Fort George's 9-1-1 Standing Committee.

Eileen Benedict, chairperson of the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako looks forward to the implementation of the 9-1-1 Service throughout the region. "We are pleased to have a signed agreement with the Regional District of Fraser-Fort George to provide the 9-1-1 services. By working with our neighbouring regional district this project has been made possible, says Ms. Benedict. "The Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako's mission is to bring security and peace of mind to individuals and their families by providing the very best emergency telephone communications system to its citizens."

Bernice Magee, Mayor of Burns Lake and chair of the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako's 9-1-1 Committee says the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako looks forward to working with the Regional District of Fraser-Fort George. "Our vision is to exceed all standards of excellence by providing state of the art 9-1-1 services dedicated to helping people connect in times of emergencies," says Mayor Magee.

Once the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako's 9-1-1 system is operational, 9-1-1 calls generated within the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako will be answered at the North District RCMP Operational Communications Centre in Prince George. Calls requiring fire/rescue agency response will be dispatched through the Prince George Fire Operations Communications Centre for fire/rescue agencies within the Bulkley-Nechako region. All ambulance calls will be forwarded to the BC Ambulance Service central dispatch centre located in Kamloops.

Expanding 9-1-1 services to the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako means that the 9-1-1 services provided by the Regional District of Fraser-Fort George now extends from 70 Mile House to the Pine Pass north to Stewart and east to the Alberta border. That represents a total service area of approximately 279,000 square kilometers, with a population of approximately 208,000. The Regional District of Fraser-Fort George provides 9-1-1 services to the Cariboo and Kitimat-Stikine Regional Districts.

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