



**Proposal re: the old Lund Fire Hall  
May 7th, 2021**

qathet Regional District board  
#202 - 4675 Marine Avenue  
Powell River BC V8A 2L2

Dear board members of the qathet Regional District,

After having discussed the issue with Ryan Thoms, Manager of Emergency Services at qRD, the Lund Community Society (LCS) would like to make a proposal about the future of the Northside Volunteer Fire Department (NVFD)'s old fire hall, located at 9642 Larson Rd in Lund (photo attached).

It is our understanding that the new fire hall will be completed this summer and, subsequently, the fire truck and other equipment currently housed at the old fire hall on Larson Road will be moved to the new location. At that point, it will be the intention of the Northside Volunteer Fire Department to divest itself of its garage and the land it sits on at 9642 Larson road (PID: 004-315-405). It is our concern that this divestment from the property could impact community plans that are currently in motion.

The LCS, in collaboration with the qRD, is currently utilizing and providing programming at the Northside Community Recreational Centre (NCRC), located at 9654 Larson Road (PID: 015-937-160), immediately adjacent to the fire hall site. Both the qRD and the LCS are helping with efforts towards the construction of a new NCRC building at this location.

**Therefore, we would like to propose that the fire hall garage building and the land it sits on be transferred over to become part of the NCRC property once the NVFD has moved out. Further to this, we would like to kindly request that until the new NCRC building is built, our "Bike Lund" sub-committee be able to utilize the fire hall garage building for its own programming.**

Bike Lund, as part of the LCS, is a volunteer-run cycling advocacy group and has been recycling and rebuilding bicycles for community members and is in urgent need of a space where it can fix bicycles and store its tools & parts. Since 2018, Bike Lund has been collecting donated bicycles to refurbish and give them back to the community. In 2019, it completed the refurbishment of 12 bicycles for the Bike Lund Community Fleet, in 2020 it applied and received a grant from the community response fund to build and give away 20 bicycles to those in need, and also received a grant from the Vancouver Coastal Health's vision zero program that has gone to enhance bicycle safety in the community.

The support of the qRD for this initiative would allow the group to continue its work and do much more!

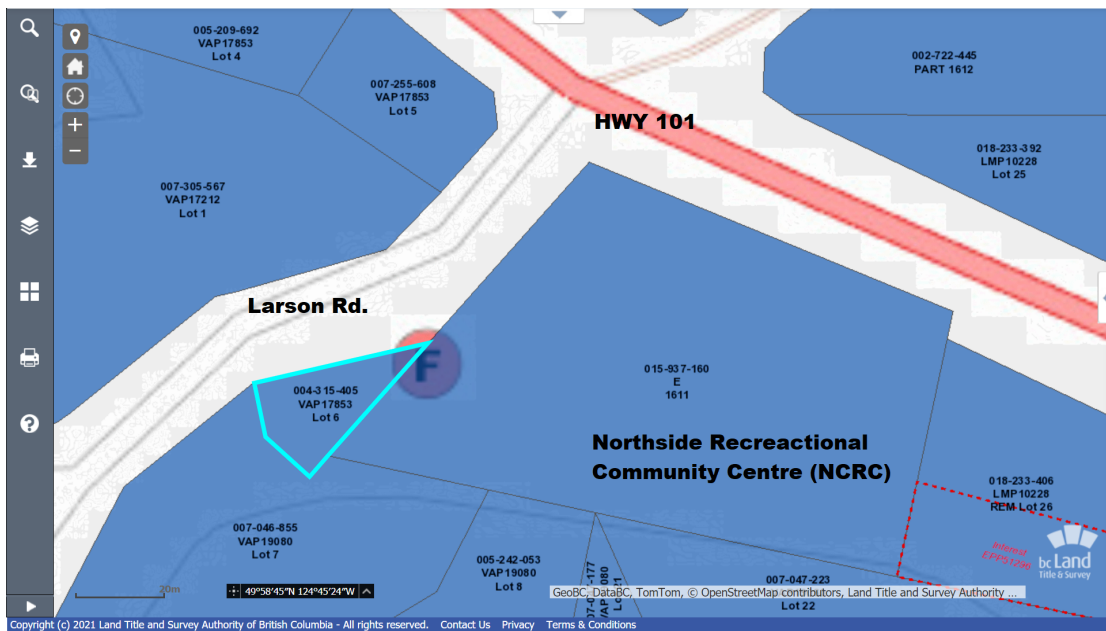
Sincerely,

Charles Latimer - On behalf of the Lund Community Society

Photos for reference:



Lund fire hall



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