



City of Revelstoke

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Revelstoke Improves Public Fire Protection Classification

Revelstoke, B.C – The City of Revelstoke is pleased to announce that a review by the [Fire Underwriters Survey](#) has resulted in a significant upgrade to the City's Fire Insurance Grades, a result of the Fire Department's ongoing efforts to improve fire protection across Revelstoke.

On Tuesday, February 25, Chief Steven DeRousie shared with Council that the City's Fire Insurance Grades have increased from 3A to 2 on the Dwelling Protect Grade (DPG) scale. This is great news for residents and homeowners as it indicates a higher level of fire protection in the city. A better DPG means that the fire department's response capabilities, resources, and preparedness have improved, reducing the risk of damage to homes in case of a fire. Overall, this improvement indicates both better safety and potential cost savings for residents.

Background:

- Fire Underwriters Survey is a national organization that represents more than 85 percent of the private sector and casualty insurers in Canada. Fire Underwriters Survey provides data to program subscribers regarding public fire protection for fire insurance statistical and underwriting evaluation.
- The Public Fire Protection Classification (PFPC) is a numerical grading system scaled from 1 to 10 that is used by Commercial Lines¹ insurers. Class 1 represents the highest grading possible, and Class 10 indicates that little or no fire protection is in place. The PFPC grading system evaluates the ability of a community's fire protection programs to prevent and control major fires that may occur in multi-family residential, commercial, industrial, institutional buildings, and course of construction developments.
- Fire Underwriters Survey also assigns a second grade for community fire protection. The second grading system, entitled Dwelling Protection Grade (DPG), assesses the protection available for small buildings such as single-family dwellings and is used by Personal Lines² insurers.
- The DPG is a numerical grading system scaled from 1 to 5. One (1) is the highest grading possible and 5 indicates little or no fire protection is present. This grading reflects the ability of a community to handle fires in small buildings.
- Fire Underwriters survey advises that the Public Fire Protection Classification (PFPC) has been maintained at PFPC 5/9 and the Dwelling Protection Grade (DPG) has been updated at DPG 2/3B for Revelstoke fire hall.



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The following information in the two tables confirms the updated Fire Insurance Grades for the City of Revelstoke:

Table 1 - Dwelling Protection Grade Updates for Revelstoke

SUB DISTRICT(S) and (contract protection areas)	DPG Previous	DPG Updated	COMMENTS
Revelstoke Fire Hall – Revelstoke & Big Eddy W.S. hydrant area	3A	2	Hydrant Protected – Personal Lines insured dwellings properties within 300 m of a public hydrant, and within 8 km in road travel distance of a recognized responding fire station
Revelstoke Fire Hall – Non hydrant area	3B	3B	Firehall Protected – Personal Lines insured dwellings not within 300 m of a recognized public hydrant, but within 8 km in road travel distance of a recognized responding fire station

Table 2 - Public Fire Protection Classification Updates for Revelstoke

SUB DISTRICT(S) and (contract protection areas)	PFPC Previous	PFPC Updated	COMMENTS
Revelstoke Fire Hall – Revelstoke & Big Eddy W.S. hydrant area	5	5	Hydrant Protected – Commercial Lines insured properties within 150 m of a public hydrant, and within 5 km in road travel distance of a recognized responding fire station
Revelstoke Fire Hall – Non hydrant area	9	9	Firehall Protected – Commercial Lines insured properties not within 150 m of a recognized public hydrant, but within 5 km in road travel distance of a recognized responding fire station

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