



November 22, 2021

**RECOGNITION FOR FIRE INSURANCE GRADING RECEIVED**

*Coombs-Hillier Fire Protection Service Area of the Regional District of Nanaimo  
Coombs-Hillier Volunteer Fire Department  
Coombs-Hillier Fire Station #1 and #2*

**Superior Tanker Shuttle Service – Accredited**

I am pleased to advise you that the above-mentioned fire protection area within the province of British Columbia was recently registered in the Canadian Fire Insurance Grading Index as being accredited for the delivery of Superior Tanker Shuttle Service for properties insured under Personal Lines and Commercial Lines.

**Properties insured under Personal Lines:**

The Coombs-Hillier Volunteer Fire Department has shown through testing their ability to provide 200 IGPM for 2 hours to specified areas within the Coombs-Hillier fire protection service area of the Regional District of Nanaimo. This accreditation is an equivalency to the minimum requirements for hydrant protection as set out by the insurance industry and the Fire Underwriters Survey. Dwelling Protection Grade 3B(S) can be applied to properties insured under Personal Lines that are within 8 km in road distance from the accredited fire stations (Coombs-Hillier #1 and #2) and within 5 km of a recognized water supply point.

**Properties insured under Commercial Lines:**

The Coombs-Hillier Volunteer Fire Department has shown through testing their ability to provide 400 IGPM for 1 hour to specified areas within the Coombs-Hillier fire protection service area of the Regional District of Nanaimo. This accreditation is an equivalency to the minimum requirements for hydrant protection as set out by the insurance industry and the Fire Underwriters Survey. Public Fire Protection Classification 7 can be applied to properties insured under Commercial Lines that are within 5 km road distance from the accredited fire station (Coombs-Hillier #1 and #2) and within 2.5 km of a recognized water supply point.

Fire Underwriters Survey has provided information on fire protection and risk levels to the insurance industry in Canada for more than 100 years. Fire Underwriters Survey was originally operated under the auspices of the Insurance Advisory Organization until 2002 when the I.A.O. and all of its related services were repositioned under the flag of CGI and more recently, Opta Information Intelligence within SCM Insurance Services.

Should you have any questions or concerns related to the Fire Underwriters Survey, the Superior Tanker Shuttle Service (STSS) accreditation process or any other related area, please contact us for further information.

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# FIRE UNDERWRITERS SURVEY

A SERVICE TO INSURERS AND MUNICIPALITIES

November 22, 2021

Coombs-Hillier Volunteer Fire Department  
3241 Alberni Hwy  
Qualicum Beach, British Columbia  
V9K 1Y6

Re: Superior Tanker Shuttle Service Accreditation Effective November 6, 2021 – Commercial Lines

I am pleased to advise you that the Fire Underwriters Survey has evaluated your test results and application for accreditation to deliver Superior Tanker Shuttle Service for properties insured under Commercial Lines within the Coombs-Hillier fire protection service area of the Regional District of Nanaimo and has determined that the Coombs-Hillier Volunteer Fire Department qualifies for Superior Tanker Shuttle Service (STSS) accreditation. Commercial Lines STSS accreditation applies within 5 km in road travel distance of the Coombs-Hillier fire stations and within 2.5 km in road travel distance of a recognized water supply point. Details regarding coverage areas are published accordingly in the Canadian Fire Insurance Grading Index.

As an accredited agency, constituents your fire protection service area who own properties within specified areas of the community are eligible to receive a cost reduction in their fire insurance rates from the majority of insurers in Canada. It should be noted that a re-accreditation process will occur five years from the date of this letter. Insurers utilize the information provided by Fire Underwriters Survey in setting the property insurance rates throughout Canada.

It should also be noted that insurers are under no obligation to accept this equivalency; however, the Fire Underwriters Survey recommends that they do so.

As a Surveyor for the province of British Columbia, I must advise you that Superior Tanker Shuttle Service accreditation and benefits associated with the accreditation are contingent upon the fire protection district being capable of continuously meeting the requirements of the Superior Tanker Shuttle Service delivery and being continuously able to provide evidence of such capacity upon request. Should the capacity of the fire service to deliver this level of service change at any time, notification should be made immediately to the offices of Fire Underwriters Survey. Fire Underwriters Survey retains the right to revoke Superior Tanker Shuttle Service (STSS) accreditation at any time.

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