

# UPCOMING REFERENDUM JULY 25 2026



## Forest Grove Firehall Renovation

Are you in favour of the Cariboo Regional District borrowing up to \$880,000 over 10 years to renovate the Forest Grove Firehall?

The total cost of the renovation is estimated at approximately \$1.6 million. Approximately 45 percent of the project cost will be grant-funded, with the balance financed through the proposed borrowing. Based on current estimates, this would increase the existing parcel tax by approximately \$112 per year.

## Voting Information

**Location: Forest Grove Community Hall**

**Advanced Poll: July 15 2026 8:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.**

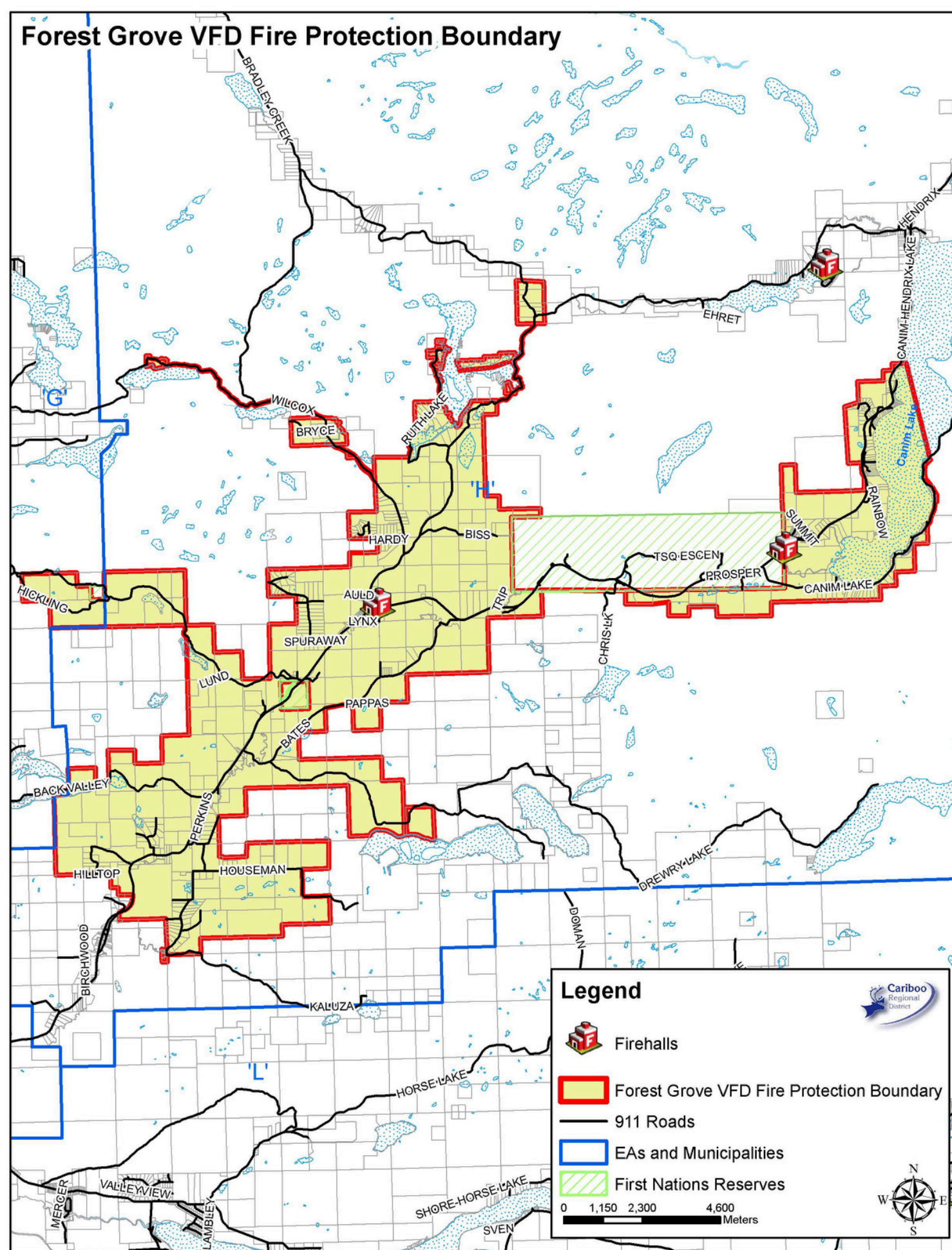
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# Forest Grove Fire Protection Area



## What if the referendum fails?

The existing firehall would continue to require repairs and upgrades to address identified deficiencies. Future options and funding sources would need to be evaluated.

The CRD encourages all eligible voters in the Forest Grove Fire Protection Area to participate in the upcoming referendum. Making an informed choice is essential to shaping the future of local fire protection services.

## About the Referendum - July 25, 2026

### Who can vote?

Eligible voters live in or own property within the Forest Grove Fire Protection Service Area.

### Can I vote by mail?

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### What do I need to vote in person?

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# About the Referendum

## WHY ARE IMPROVEMENTS NEEDED?

The existing Forest Grove firehall has limited space and functionality to support the current and future needs of the Fire Department. The proposed renovation and expansion project would address several challenges with the facility, including:

- Limited space for firefighting equipment, training, and emergency operations
- Inadequate storage for firefighting gear and supplies
- Insufficient meeting and training space for volunteers
- Aging building systems and infrastructure that require upgrades
- A lack of dedicated areas for administration, emergency coordination, and firefighter support functions

These improvements would help ensure the firehall can continue to support emergency response, firefighter training, equipment storage, and other services provided by the Forest Grove Fire Department for years to come.

## WHY RENOVATE INSTEAD OF REPLACE?

An assessment of the existing firehall found that the building is structurally sound and can continue serving the community with renovations and an expansion. The proposed project would improve the functionality of the facility and provide additional space for equipment storage, firefighter training, meetings, and emergency response operations.

Renovating and expanding the existing firehall will help extend the life of the building while ensuring it can continue to meet the current and future needs of the Forest Grove Fire Department.

## WHY NOT BUILD A NEW FIREHALL?

While a new firehall was considered, renovating and expanding the existing facility was identified as the more affordable option. The proposed renovation project is estimated to cost approximately \$1.6 million, compared to approximately \$3.75 million for a new firehall—a difference of approximately \$2.15 million.

The renovation and expansion project will provide the additional space and upgrades needed by the Fire Department while making use of the existing building and helping keep costs lower for property owners.



# Proposed Renovations

The renovation and expansion project includes a range of improvements designed to address aging infrastructure and support Fire Department operations, including:

## Exterior Upgrades

- Exterior door and window upgrades
- Building envelope improvements, including insulation and moisture protection measures



## Interior Upgrades

- Heating and ventilation (HVAC) system replacement
- Plumbing and electrical system upgrades
- Washroom upgrades
- Stair repairs and improvements
- Interior renovations to improve the functionality of the facility



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The renovation and expansion project includes a range of improvements designed to address aging infrastructure and support Fire Department operations, including:

## Structural Repairs and Improvements

- Concrete slab repairs
- Structural upgrades, including support improvements for the second floor



## Operational Improvements

- Additional space to support emergency response operations
- Improvements to firefighter training, equipment storage, and support areas
- Upgrades to improve the safety and functionality of the facility

In addition to repairing and upgrading the building, the project is intended to improve how the firehall functions on a day-to-day basis. The renovation and expansion would help provide the space and infrastructure needed to support emergency response operations, firefighter training, equipment storage, meetings, and other activities carried out by the Forest Grove Volunteer Fire Department.



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