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Subject: [EXTERNAL] Please delay the closure of the Ross Fire Station!

Dear Ross Valley Fire Department Board of Directors, The Ross Town Council has requested a delay in the scheduled July 2025 closure of the Ross Fire station. Please consider doing this. In the meetings leading up to the 2021 decision to close the station, Ross residents were assured that closure of the fire station wouldn't change emergency response times for 85% of calls because of the ongoing presence of the Ross Valley Paramedic Authority ambulance.

But it has become apparent that the Paramedic Authority might not be able to base an ambulance in Ross long-term: the Paramedic Authority could dissolve if membership changes. And even if it continues to base an ambulance in Ross, the ambulance might only be available in Ross as little as 40% of the time, resulting in significant increases in response times.

Had residents known that closing the fire station would result in increased response times for the majority of calls, it's unlikely that they would have agreed to close the Ross Fire station.

Please delay closing the Ross fire station so that a plan can be developed to ensure that Ross, like the other jurisdictions, continues to have 1st responders.

Best regards,

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