

Date: Mar 11, 2025

From: Zara and Dennis Muren, 10 Canyon Rd

Re. Emergency Fire and Medical Response to Town of Ross - Agenda Item 9

Dear Mayor and Council members,

We strongly support the initiative of Council members Robbins and Salter to revisit the 2021 Town decision to close Ross Fire Station, and consider options for providing Emergency Fire and Medical services from Ross Civic Center in future.

It is disappointing that fire officials have reneged on their assurances to the Town at the time the decision was made, that the speed of emergency response would be unchanged for 85% of calls, and are now saying that the same speedy response would only apply for 40% of calls. This will result in significantly longer response times, creating a situation of increased risk that we - and it seems many in the community - would not have chosen. On the few occasions that we've had reason to call Ross Emergency over the thirty years of living in the Town, we've felt great value in the reliably fast response. We'd like to see the same level of service continue to be offered.

We understand that it will be very costly to develop and maintain a new fire station for the Town, but hope that a way can be found, and will be happy to do our part, whether by donating to an endowment or paying a parcel tax.

Thank you for your attention to this important matter.

Sincerely,

Zara and Dennis Muren