

Fire Underwriters Survey



March 14th, 2026

4461 Trans-Canada Hwy
Cowichan Bay, British Columbia, V0R 1N1

Re: Superior Tanker Shuttle Accreditation Effective March 14th, 2026.

I am pleased to advise that the Fire Underwriters Survey has evaluated the test results and application for accreditation to deliver Superior Tanker Shuttle Service and FUS has determined that the Cowichan Bay Volunteer Fire Rescue qualifies for accreditation for Personal Lines insured risks within the Dwelling Protection Grade system.

The Cowichan Bay Volunteer Fire Rescue will be added in the list of accredited agencies for the delivery of Superior Tanker Shuttle Service and the appropriate changes have been made to the Canadian Fire Insurance Grading Index.

Please find the enclosed certificate of accreditation and a brief letter of recognition.

As an accredited agency, constituents within your fire protection area who own:

- detached dwellings (Personal Lines) and are within 8 km of the accredited fire hall and within 5 km of a recognized water supply point (within the defined Fire Protection Area maps) conforming to NFPA 1142 – Standard on Water Supplies for Suburban and Rural Fire Fighting, *recent edition*, are eligible to receive a cost reduction in their fire insurance rates from the majority of insurers in Canada.

Insurers utilize the information provided by Fire Underwriters Survey in setting the property insurance rates throughout Canada. Insurers are advised that Superior Tanker Shuttle Accredited fire protection districts qualify for hydrant protected equivalency status and may be rated as protected. Note that this equivalency applies only to detached dwellings without exposures. It should be noted that insurers are under no obligation to accept this equivalency; however, Fire Underwriters Survey recommends that they do so.

It should also be noted that a re-accreditation process will occur five years from the date of this letter. Records of training and use of STSS should be maintained each year for review. Re-accreditation can be extended again in ten years and will require on-site testing with FUS to validate re-accreditation.

As a Surveyor for the province of British Columbia, I must advise you that Superior Tanker Shuttle 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 protection district 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 Accreditation at any time.

Should you have any questions or concerns related to the Fire Underwriters Survey, the Superior Tanker Shuttle Accreditation process or any other related area, please feel free to contact us for further information.

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