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Peace River Regional District
Attention: Board of Directors

## **Dear Board of Directors**

The Moberly Lake Volunteer Fire Department Society Executive would like to express their intent on becoming a Peace River Regional District operated fire department. On January 11, 2021 members and executive of the fire department met with Dave Mitchell and Associates to review the final report delivered by Dave Mitchell to discuss the best options of the fire department going forward. While there were two options identified it became clear that the best option for the residents of Moberly Lake, as well as the fire department, is that the PRRD takes over administration and management of the Department. It is now become too onerous to maintain compliance in all areas with the added administrative needs, due to the increased legislation and WorkSafe requirements.

In 2019 the Society requested the area director and the PRRD investigate the transition of the Moberly Lake Volunteer Fire Department to the PRRD and subsequently the PRRD commissioned a needs assessment study. The study confirmed that in fact the best way forward for the longevity of the fire department is to become a PRRD fire department, as many other societies in BC have done. This will allow the members to focus on training, recruitment, and response instead of administration and records management.

Please accept this letter as a commitment from the Moberly Lake Volunteer Fire Department Society that we want to transition to a PRRD operated fire department. This includes the formation of a transition steering committee to liaison with the PRRD to ensure detailed operating guidelines are agreed upon and adopted and making certain there is total transparency in all areas of the operation. It is our intention to make this transition as smooth as possible. We believe this is what is best for the communities of Moberly Lake and the members of the Fire Department.

Regards

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