



EXPLANATORY NOTE

FIRE PROTECTION AND SAFETY BYLAW, 2026, No. 3330

The purpose of this bylaw establishes the framework for the Langley City Fire Rescue Service, detailing the authority, responsibilities, and regulations governing fire prevention, safety, and emergency response within the City of Langley. It outlines the roles of the Fire Chief and Fire Rescue Service, conduct required of persons, and the administration procedures including fees, permits, and penalties related to fire safety.

This bylaw will replace the 2009 Fire Protection and Safety Bylaw No.2784 (last updated in 2018) to ensure alignment with modern provincial legislation, regulations, and current operational practices.

Key updates in the new bylaw include:

- **Alignment with the new provincial Fire Safety Act (2024).** The repeal of the former Fire Service Act required municipalities to reflect modernized provincial requirements.
- **Implementation of a risk-based compliance monitoring system for public buildings,** shifting from a traditional inspection schedule to a risk-informed approach.
- **Removal of the Local Assistant to the Fire Commissioner (LAFC) model,** consistent provincial structure changes.
- **Formal designation of Fire Inspectors and Fire Investigators,** including required minimum training standards for each role.
- **Modernization of all previous bylaw sections** to reflect current and future service delivery needs, community growth and developments in prevention and emergency response.