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To: CouncilAll
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Fire Station

To the Ross Town Council,

Thank you for your service to our community and for your careful stewardship of town resources. I am writing to respectfully urge the Council to reverse the decision to close the Ross fire station and instead adopt a path forward similar to the one laid out in the Friends of Ross Firehouse proposal. Below are what I believe to be the key considerations for my request:

Community Safety Comes First

- Every minute matters in emergencies. Longer response times for medical and fire calls increase risk to life, property, and our most vulnerable residents.
- Our community faces growing hazards—wildfires, floods, extreme weather, and related infrastructure stress. Now is the time to strengthen, not reduce, our local response capacity.
- A staffed, local station ensures rapid first response, coordinated incident command, and greater resilience when regional resources are stretched.

A Constructive, Forward-Looking Approach

- Let's focus on solutions rather than revisiting past decisions or assigning blame.
- We are grateful that Ross residents invested time and resources to gather additional analysis and develop a viable plan. That civic effort deserves an open and transparent hearing.
- The Friends of Ross Firehouse proposal appears to offer a financially responsible path that prioritizes safety. It merits a public, data-driven review.

Fiscal Responsibility and Risk Management

- Maintaining local response capacity is a cost-effective form of risk reduction, potentially lowering losses from fires and floods and helping stabilize insurance risk profiles.
- Evaluating the proposal alongside objective metrics can align safety outcomes with prudent budgeting.
- Local capacity also strengthens regional mutual aid and reduces strain during peak demand events.

Thank you for considering this request. Our community has stepped up with constructive solutions and a willingness to help fund and support what keeps Ross safe. Let's seize this opportunity to move forward together and ensure that every resident can count on timely, effective emergency response.

With appreciation,

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