

To: Nakoma Community Association

Subject: Signage and accessibility

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As you know the CSD has entered into contract with Beckwourth Fire Protection District to provide emergency services within the Gold Mountain Community Services District. We have begun our orientation with Beckwourth by touring the district with Fire and equipment. We looked at structures, stopped at gates to discuss operation and codes, toured the exterior of the three main commercial buildings to discuss placement of apparatus, utility shut offs, etc.

The main feedback from the Fire Department was, streets are somewhat confusing with no lighting and the stone address signs not being visible with the snow covering them. Traffic was one way on Great Spirit due to snow not being cleared to the width of the road which causes concern for fire and emergency vehicles.

GM CSD cannot change the road configuration but we are working on better mapping to help fire find best access to all roads. We have always advocated the reflective 5 foot tall reflective address signs because "they can't help you if they can't find you". It is our opinion that the Association needs to encourage or mandate that reflective address signs that are higher than the average snow level be adopted. We don't want to wait for some event to happen with a less than desirous outcome that could have been prevented by something as simple as Reflective Address signs helping to locate someone.

I was in the district this week inspecting our hydrants and access to them and made note of the fact that road conditions haven't improved much given the fact we have had at least a weeks' worth of sunshine.

I believe that there is room for improvement in clearing snow and ice at least to the width of the roadway. CSD will continue to provide clearance around the hydrants. The ice berms need to be mitigated. Emergency services needs to have all roads accessible always.

We look forward to working with Beckwourth Fire and The Nakoma Community with the goal of improving emergency services response within our district.

Thank you for your time in addressing these issues.

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