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BYLAW NO. 3654

**FIRE PROTECTION AND EMERGENCY RESPONSE SERVICE
COMMISSIONS BYLAW, 2010**

**Consolidated for Public Convenience
(This bylaw is for reference purposes only)**

ORIGINALLY ADOPTED

(Consolidated with Amending Bylaws 3707, 4608, 4721, and 4734)

**CAPITAL REGIONAL DISTRICT
BYLAW NO. 3654**

**A BYLAW TO CONVERT LOCAL FIRE PROTECTION AND EMERGENCY RESPONSE
SERVICE COMMITTEES INTO COMMISSIONS AND TO ESTABLISH A CONSOLIDATED
BYLAW FOR EXISTING LOCAL FIRE PROTECTION AND EMERGENCY RESPONSE
SERVICE COMMISSIONS AND CONVERTED COMMITTEES**

WHEREAS:

- A. The Regional Board may establish a commission under section 176 (1)(g) of the *Local Government Act* to operate Regional District Services, undertake operation and enforcement in relation to the Regional Board’s exercise of its regulatory authority, and manage property or an interest in property held by the Regional District;
- B. The Regional Board established Committees to operate Volunteer Fire Departments and wishes to convert the Committees to Commissions under section 176(1) (g) of the *Local Government Act*; and
- C. The Capital Regional District wishes to establish a consolidated bylaw for the management of Electoral Area Volunteer Fire Departments.

NOW THEREFORE the Board of the Capital Regional District, in open meeting assembled, enacts as follows:

1. Interpretation

- (a) This bylaw includes the Schedules annexed hereto and the Schedules are hereby declared to form part of this bylaw.
- (b) Definitions

In this bylaw unless the context otherwise requires:

“ADMINISTRATIVE AUTHORITY” means the ability to administer the service within the existing framework of bylaws and policies established by the Board;
(Bylaw 4608)

“ADVISORY AUTHORITY” means a commission may only make recommendations to the Board through the appropriate standing committee;
(Bylaw 4608)

“BUDGET” means the 5-year financial plan (operating and capital) in respect of a service;

“COMMISSION” means a commission established by the Regional District under this Bylaw, or another Bylaw of the Regional District;

“COMMITTEE” means a committee established by the Regional District under this Bylaw, or another Bylaw of the Regional District for the operation of a service referred to in Schedules A to E of this bylaw;

“CORPORATE OFFICER” means the person having responsibility for corporate administration under section 198 of the *Local Government Act*.

“DIRECTOR” means the Electoral Area Director for the Electoral Area in which the Commission is established;

“FINANCIAL OFFICER” means the person having responsibility for financial administration under section 199 of the *Local Government Act*;

“OVERSEE” means to provide oversight, watch or supervise that the operational, maintenance, and regulatory functions of the service is performed in conformance with Regional District Policy or government regulation; *(Bylaw 4608)*

“REGIONAL BOARD” means the Board of Directors of the Capital Regional District Board;

“REGIONAL DISTRICT” means the Capital Regional District;

“SCHEDULES” means the schedules or a schedule attached to and forming part of this Bylaw;

“SERVICE AREA” means the area designated to a Commission in the Schedules;

“STAFF” means the CRD employees assigned by the applicable General Manager to oversee and supervise the operational, maintenance, and regulatory functions of the applicable Fire Services, in accordance with applicable laws and CRD policies and procedures; *(Bylaw 4608)*

“VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT” means a volunteer fire department established by the Regional District under this bylaw, or another bylaw of the Regional District to carry out the function contemplated in the establishing bylaw for the service.

2. Volunteer Fire Department Commission

- (a) The Committees established under the “Committee Establishing Bylaws” listed below in column 1 are continued and renamed as per “New, Renamed Commissions” set out in column 2:

Committee Establishing Bylaw	New, Renamed Commission
East Sooke Fire Protection Service Area Management Bylaw No. 1, 2007	East Sooke Fire Protection and Emergency Response Service Commission
Otter Point Fire Protection Service Area Management Bylaw No. 1, 2003	Otter Point Fire Protection and Emergency Response Service Commission
Port Renfrew Fire Protection Local Service Area Fire Department Management By-law No. 1, 1990	Port Renfrew Fire Protection and Emergency Response Service Commission <i>(Bylaw 3707)</i>
Port Renfrew Local Community Services Committee Bylaw No. 1, 2005 and any amendments thereto	
Shirley Fire Protection Service Area Management Bylaw No. 1, 2008	Shirley Fire Protection and Emergency Response Service Commission
Willis Point Fire Protection Facilities Local Service Area Management Bylaw, 1995	Willis Point Fire Protection and Recreation Facilities Commission
North Galiano Fire Protection Service Area Management Bylaw No. 1, 2004	Galiano Island Fire Protection and Emergency Response Service Commission <i>(Bylaw 4721)</i>

- (b) The Commission established by Willis Point Fire Protection and Recreation Facility Commission Bylaw No. 1, 1995 is dissolved and discontinued.
- (c) The Fire Protection Local Service Commission established by Shirley Fire Protection Service Area Management Bylaw No. 1, 2008 is hereby continued and known as the “Shirley Fire Protection and Emergency Response Service Commission”.
- (d) The Regional Board hereby establishes a Commission in each of the Service Areas named in the Schedules to manage a Volunteer Fire Department in that Service Area.
- (e) The terms of office of the existing members of the Commissions shall continue until their expiry under Bylaw No. 3399; Bylaw No. 3173; Bylaw No. 3115; Bylaw No. 3280 and any amendments thereto; Bylaw No. 3584; and Bylaw No. 2336.
- (f) As of January 1, 2026, the North Galiano Fire Protection and Emergency Response Service Commission shall be known as the Galiano Island Fire Protection and Emergency Response Service Commission, and its Service Area shall be those local service areas set out in Bylaws No. 1852, “North Galiano Island Fire Protection and Emergency Response Service Establishment Bylaw No. 1, 1990” and Bylaws No. 2148, “South Galiano Island Fire Protection and Emergency Response Service Establishment Bylaw No. 1, 1993”.
(Bylaw 4721)

3. Membership

(a) Unless otherwise specified in the Schedules, a Commission shall consist of seven (7) members as follows:

- (i) The Director representing the Electoral Area; and
- (ii) Six (6) individuals appointed by resolution of the Regional Board and representing the Service Area; only one member of the Volunteer Fire Department in the Service Area may be a member of the Commission, but none of the aforesaid Commission members shall be the fire chief or any officer.

(b) Despite subsection 3(a)(ii) and any Schedule to this bylaw, only in Service Areas with an estimated census population of 750 persons or less, a maximum of two (2) members of the Volunteer Fire Department in the Service Area may be members of the Commission but none of the aforesaid Commission members shall be the fire chief or any officer.

(Bylaw 4721)

(c) Other than the Director, Commission members shall be persons owning property or residing within the Service Area.

(d) The Corporate Officer shall, following each census, determine the estimated population of the service area for the purpose of this section.

4. Term of Office

The term of office for a member of a Commission other than the Director representing the Electoral Area shall be for a two (2) year period commencing the first day of January following each such appointment or until their successors are appointed.

5. Nominations

(a) A Commission shall hold an Annual General Meeting on or before the last day of November in each year to which the owners or occupiers of real property within a Service Area shall be invited to attend by written notice posted at least 30 days prior to the date of the Annual General Meeting.

(b) A Commission must accept nominations for the members of the Commission to be appointed effective the following 1st of January from individuals present at the Annual General Meeting, and if more nominations are received than there are positions to fill, a Commission must poll the owners or occupiers of real property within the Service Area who are present at the meeting.

(c) The names of persons nominated or the results of the poll under subsection (b) must be forwarded immediately after the Annual General Meeting to the Electoral Area Director of the Regional District.

6. Appointment

- (a) All vacancies on a Commission must be advertised or posted locally at least thirty (30) days in advance of the Annual General Meeting.
- (b) The Director shall seek recommendations for all appointments from the Commission but is not bound by a Commission's recommendation and may consult with other persons.
- (c) The Director must provide the name of a person to the Board to fill a vacancy or in the case of a person whose appointment is to expire.
- (d) Before the 1st of January every year, the Regional Board shall appoint or re-appoint members to a Commission to fill the terms of office of the members whose terms expire as of the 31st of December in each year.
- (e) In the event of death, resignation or disqualification of a member of a Commission, the Regional Board shall appoint a successor for the remainder of such member's term.
- (f) The Board may terminate the appointment of a Commission member who fails to attend three (3) consecutive regular meetings without the permission of a Commission.
- (g) Without limiting paragraph (f), the Board may terminate the appointment of a Commission member who moves from the Service Area or ceases to own property in the Service Area where such person has ceased to attend at least one half of the regular meetings of the Commission.

7. Commission Procedure

- (a) A Commission must, at its first meeting in January of each year, by secret ballot, elect a Chair and Vice Chair from among its members.
- (b) For the conduct of business each member of a Commission shall have one vote.
- (c) The rules, policies, procedures and the Delegation Bylaw which govern the Regional Board shall apply to a Commission where applicable.
- (d) Meetings are open to the public.
- (e) A quorum of a Commission is a majority of its members.
- (f) If, as a result of members of a Commission declaring a conflict of interest in relation to a matter and, as a consequence, there is no longer a quorum of members of the Commission to decide on a particular issue, the issue shall be referred to the Regional Board for a decision.

8. Delegation of Powers and Duties

- (a) The Regional Board hereby delegates to a Commission, subject to: (a) the policies and procedures of the Regional Board; and (b) limitations in the Capital Regional District Delegation Bylaw, a combination of administrative and advisory powers of the Regional Board, described in sections 9 and 10, respectively relating to the development, maintenance and operation of a volunteer fire department within the Service Area whether acquired before or after the adoption of this bylaw. *(Bylaw 4608)*
- (b) The operational, maintenance and regulatory functions of this service shall be performed in conformance with Regional District policy or government regulation.
- (c) For clarity, subject to the Local Government Act, RSBC 2015 c 1, unless a power, duty or function of the Capital Regional District Board has been expressly delegated by this bylaw or another CRD bylaw, all the powers, duties and functions of the CRD Board remain with the CRD Board, and the Commission may not further delegate powers, duties, or functions to another individual or body. Individual Commissioners have no delegated authority outside the body of the Commission in open meeting assembled, acting as a whole. *(Bylaw 4608)*

9. Advisory Authority of the Commission

- (1) In collaboration and by consensus with staff, a Commission shall:
 - (a) Identify and advise on any contracted services necessary to run the day-to-day operations of the service;
 - (b) Set the size of the fire force for the Volunteer Fire Department within the Local Service Area;
 - (c) Review five-year financial operating and capital budgets and submit to the Regional District in the manner required by Section 12;
 - (d) Encourage the Fire Chief and members of the fire department to attend commission meetings to provide input to the decision making process; and
 - (e) Propose amendments of service levels for the Service Area. *(Bylaw 4608)*
 - (f) Advise on the appointment of a fire chief. *(Bylaw 4734)*
- (2) For clarity, advisory authority includes advising on the needs of the Volunteer Fire Department, as well as providing advice and recommendations on matters related to the Fire Service referred by the Fire Chief, CRD Staff, or the Regional Board. It does not include service delivery decisions which are otherwise managed or delivered by the Fire Chief, the Volunteer Fire Department, or CRD Staff. *(Bylaw 4608)*

10. Administrative Authority of a Commission

- 1) A Commission shall, in the administration of a Volunteer Fire Department:
 - a) Not expend any funds whatsoever except those first approved by the Regional Board under Section 12;
 - b) Review and adopt operational rules and procedures for the organization and conduct of the Fire Protection Service, which rules and procedures shall be proposed by the Fire Chief and with the concurrence of Staff; and
 - c) Review and adopt procedures and allocations of funds required for the maintenance and upkeep of the Fire Hall and any and all firefighting machinery, equipment and protective clothing, which procedures and allocations of funds shall be proposed by the Fire Chief and with the concurrence of Staff.
(Bylaw 4608)
- 2) For clarity, administrative authority means acting as the directing mind for those aspects of the service delegated by the Regional Board to the Commission. It does not include service delivery decisions which are otherwise managed or delivered by the Fire Chief, the Volunteer Fire Department, or CRD Staff, nor may it be exercised in a manner inconsistent with CRD policies, procedures, or other delegation instruments.
(Bylaw 4608)

11. Reporting

A Commission shall,

- (a) By the 30th day of November in each year, submit a written report to the Board of the Regional District outlining the operation the Volunteer Fire Department for that calendar year; and
- (a) By December 31 of each year, submit to the Board the minutes of the annual general meeting.

12. Budget

- (a) A Commission shall, per the timeline established by the Financial Officer in each year, submit five-year operating and capital budgets covering all anticipated costs and revenues of the Volunteer Fire Department in the operation and maintenance of the assets of the Capital Regional District utilized by the Volunteer Fire Department.
(Bylaw 4608)
- (b) The Budget shall:
 - (i) Be prepared by the Fire Chief with the concurrence of staff in a form approved by the Financial Officer;
(Bylaw 4608)
 - (ii) Provide for the necessary funds for the administration, development, training, maintenance, debt servicing and operational expenses of the Volunteer Fire Department;

- (iii) Allow for contributions to reserve funds recommended by the Finance Officer;
- (iv) Be submitted for consideration of the Regional Board; and
- (v) If requested by the Regional Board, be altered to the satisfaction of the Board.

13. Unauthorized Expenditures

A Commission shall not authorize an expenditure other than an expenditure provided for in the Budget as included in the approved financial plan of the Regional District.

14. Borrowing and Additional Funding

A Commission shall not accept funds advanced from any source other than the Regional District without prior approval from the Regional District.

15. Facilities and Equipment

Any facilities or equipment acquired by the Commission shall be acquired in the name of the Regional District, shall be the property of the Regional District and shall not be disposed of without the approval of the Regional District.

16. Contracts

The Commission shall not enter into contracts on behalf of the Regional District except:

- (a) where the Commission has been granted authority to do so under the Delegation Bylaw; and
- (b) in the name of the Regional District.

17. Regional Board Responsibilities

The Regional Board:

- (a) may advance sums required under the approved budget for an expenditure in relation to the administration, development, maintenance and operation of the Volunteer Fire Department pending collection of any rate, tax or charge levied for the purpose of raising the necessary funds to meet the expenses set out in the approved budget; and
- (b) requisition the necessary funds under Section 806.1 of the *Local Government Act* within the fire regulation unit and Service Area.

18. Staff Responsibilities

Staff shall:

- (a) Ensure the Fire Chief supervises, directs, controls and regulates the members of the Volunteer Fire Department subject to the provisions of the *Fire Services Act* and any applicable Provincial, Federal or Regional District enactments that apply;
- (b) Authorize expenditures on behalf of the Volunteer Fire Department as required for the operation of the Volunteer Fire Department which have first been approved by the Regional District under Section 12;
- (c) Oversee the preparation of five-year financial plans, provide advice to the Fire Chief and the Commission on the preparation and submission of five-year financial plans;
- (d) Oversee and assist with development and maintenance of long-term equipment replacement plans;
- (e) Oversee and support the Fire Chief in all areas of Volunteer Fire Department administration consistent with CRD policy, procedure, and applicable legislation;
- (f) Ensure the Volunteer Fire Department is compliant with all applicable enactments, including the *Fire Services (Safety) Act*, and *Workers Compensation Act*, RSBC 2019, c1, minimum training standards, including the Office of the Fire Commissioner Minimum Structure Firefighter Training Standard, and CRD policies and procedures;
- (g) Provide the Commission with financial expenditure reports for the purpose of Commission oversight of operating and capital expenditures;
- (h) Facilitate salaried employee and contractor recruitment processes, and supervise volunteer firefighter recruitment and appointment processes; and
- (i) Facilitate and assist with strategic planning processes. *(Bylaw 4608)*

19. Repeal

- (a) Bylaw No. 3399, cited as “East Sooke Fire Protection Service Area Management Bylaw No. 1, 2007” is hereby repealed;
- (b) Bylaw No. 3115, cited as “Otter Point Fire Protection Service Area Management Bylaw No. 1, 2003” is hereby repealed;
- (c) Bylaw No. 1806, cited as “Port Renfrew Fire Protection Local Service Area Fire Department Management By-law No.1, 1990” is hereby repealed;
- (d) Bylaw No. 3280, cited as “Port Renfrew Local Services Committee Bylaw No. 1, 2005” is hereby repealed;
- (e) Bylaw No. 3584, cited as “Shirley Fire Protection Service Area Management Bylaw No. 1, 2008” is hereby repealed;
- (f) Bylaw No. 2333, cited as “Willis Point Fire Protection and Recreation Facility Commission Bylaw No. 1, 1995” is hereby repealed;

- (g) Bylaw No. 2336, cited as “Willis Point Fire Protection Facilities Local Service Area Management Bylaw, 1995” is hereby repealed;
- (h) Bylaw No. 3173, cited as “North Galiano Fire Protection Service Area Management Bylaw No. 1, 2004” is hereby repealed.

20. Citation

This bylaw may be cited as “Fire Protection and Emergency Response Service Commissions Bylaw, 2010”. *(Bylaw 3707)*

READ A FIRST TIME THIS	14 th	day of	April	2010
READ A SECOND TIME THIS	14 th	day of	April	2010
READ A THIRD TIME THIS	14 th	day of	April	2010
ADOPTED THIS	14 th	day of	April	2010

Original signed by Geoff Young
CHAIR

Original signed by Carmen Thiel
CORPORATE OFFICER

Schedule "A" - East Sooke

1. Definitions

In this bylaw, as applies to the East Sooke Fire Protection and Emergency Response Service Commission, unless context otherwise requires:

"DIRECTOR" means the Electoral Area Director for Juan de Fuca;

"EAST SOOKE COMMUNITY HALL" means the former fire station building located at 1397 Coppermine Road, East Sooke and owned by the CRD;

(Bylaw 4608)

"COMMISSION" means the East Sooke Fire Protection and Emergency Response Service Commission;

"SERVICE AREA" means the East Sooke Fire Protection Service Area as more particularly described in East Sooke Fire Protection and Emergency Response Service Establishment Bylaw No. 1, 2006;

"VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT" means the East Sooke Volunteer Fire Department.

2. Membership

Despite Section 3 (a) of this bylaw, membership shall consist of eight (8) members as follows:

- (a) The Director representing the Electoral Area; and
- (b) Seven (7) individuals appointed by resolution of the Regional Board and representing the Service Area. Only one member of the Volunteer Fire Department in the Service Area may be a member of the Commission, but none of the aforesaid Commission members shall be the fire chief or any officer.

3. Delegation of Powers and Duties

- (a) In addition to the powers delegated in Section 8 of this bylaw, the Regional Board hereby delegates to the Commission, subject to the policies and procedures of the Regional Board and limitations defined in the Capital Regional Delegation Bylaw, administrative powers of the Regional Board with respect to the equipment, maintenance, management and operation of the East Sooke Community Hall, and without limiting the generality of the foregoing, the Commission shall establish a scale of admission charges, appoint staff, determine operational rules, procedures and recreational programs and the collection of all revenues from, and payment of expenses of, the said operation.
- (b) Notwithstanding the provisions of (a) above, the Regional Board retains the right of approval of the operational rules, procedures and policies. *(Bylaw 4608)*

4. Administration

In addition to the provisions of Section 10 of this bylaw, the Commission shall:

- (a) review and adopt operational rules and procedures for the organization and operation of the East Sooke Community Hall; and
- (b) review and adopt procedures and allocation of funds required for the maintenance and upkeep of the East Sooke Community Hall and any and all machinery, equipment, furniture and fixtures in conjunction with it. *(Bylaw 4608)*

5. Budget

In addition to the provisions of Section 12 of this bylaw, the Budget shall provide for the necessary funds for the administration, development, maintenance and operational expenses of the East Sooke Community Hall. *(Bylaw 4608)*

Schedule "B" - Otter Point

1. Definitions

In this bylaw, as applies to the Otter Point Fire Protection Commission, unless context otherwise requires:

"DIRECTOR" means the Electoral Area Director for Juan de Fuca;

"COMMISSION" means the Otter Point Fire Protection and Emergency Response Service Commission;

"SERVICE AREA" means the Otter Point Fire Protection Local Service Area as more particularly described in Otter Point Fire Protection and Emergency Response Local Service Establishment Bylaw No. 1, 1992, as amended;

"VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT" means the Otter Point Volunteer Fire Department.

2. Membership

Despite Section 3 (a) of this bylaw, membership shall consist of seven (7) members, as follows:

- (a) The Director representing the Electoral Area; and
- (b) Six (6) individuals appointed by resolution of the Regional Board and representing the Service Area. Only one member of the Volunteer Fire Department in the Service Area may be a member of the Commission, but none of the aforesaid Commission members shall be the fire chief or any officer.

(Bylaw 4734)

Schedule "C" - Port Renfrew

(Bylaw 3707)

1. Definitions

In this bylaw, as applies to the Port Renfrew Fire Protection and Emergency Response Service Commission, unless context otherwise requires:

"DIRECTOR" means the Electoral Area Director for Juan de Fuca;

"COMMISSION" means the Port Renfrew Fire Protection and Emergency Response Service Commission;

"SERVICE AREA" means the Port Renfrew Fire Protection Local Service Area as more particularly described in Port Renfrew Fire Protection and Emergency Response Service Establishment Bylaw No. 1, 1989, as amended;

"VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT" means the Port Renfrew Volunteer Fire Department.

2. Membership

Despite Section 3 of this bylaw, membership shall consist of seven (7) members as follows:

- (a) The Director representing the Electoral Area;
- (b) Three (3) individuals who shall be owners of real property within the Fire Protection and Emergency Response Local Service Area;
- (c) Three (3) individuals who may be owners of real property, or residents within the Fire Protection and Emergency Response Local Service Area. One (1) of these individuals shall represent the Pacheedaht First Nation when service agreements for fire protection and/or solid waste are in place with the Pacheedaht and there have been no violations to the terms and conditions of the agreements.
- (d) For Service Areas with an estimated census population of 750 persons or less, a maximum of two (2) members of the Volunteer Fire Department in the Service Area may be members of the Commission, but none of the aforesaid Commission members shall be the fire chief or any officer.

3. Nomination

Despite Section 5(b) of this bylaw:

- (a) The Commission shall, at its regularly scheduled meeting in September:

- (i) Submit to the Electoral Area Director its nominations for the members of the committee for the following term, with the exception of the Pacheedaht representative;
 - (ii) Invite residents or owners of real property in the Fire Protection and Emergency Response Local Service Area to submit additional nominations, on forms provided at the meeting, to the Electoral Area Director on or before 14 days from the date of the meeting; and
 - (iii) Schedule the Annual General Meeting which shall be held no sooner than 15 days from the date of the meeting, but in all cases shall be before the last day of October.
- (b) The Pacheedaht First Nation shall submit their nomination for the member representing the band to the Electoral Area Director, the first appointment to be effective immediately with a term to expire on December 31, 2010.

4. Procedure

In accordance with Section 7 of this bylaw, the Commission shall:

- (a) Hold a meeting quarterly or at the call of the Chair. In January of each year, establish a schedule of meetings which shall be posted on the community notice board situated at the transfer station, the post office and on the CRD website.

Schedule "D" - Shirley

1. Definitions

In this bylaw, as applies to the Shirley Fire Protection and Emergency Response Service Commission, unless context otherwise requires:

"DIRECTOR" means the Electoral Area Director for Juan de Fuca;

"COMMISSION" means the Shirley Fire Protection and Emergency Response Service Commission;

"SERVICE AREA" means the Shirley Fire Protection and Emergency Response service Area as more particularly described in Shirley Fire Protection and Emergency Response Service Establishment Bylaw No. 1, 1991;

"VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT" means the Shirley Volunteer Fire Department.

Schedule "E" - Willis Point

1. Definitions

In this bylaw, as applies to the Willis Point Fire Protection and Recreation Facilities Commission, unless context otherwise requires:

"DIRECTOR" means the Electoral Area Director for Juan de Fuca;

"COMMISSION" means the Willis Point Fire Protection and Recreation Facilities Commission;

"SERVICE AREA" means the Willis Point Local Service Area created under Willis Point Fire Protection, Emergency Response and Recreation Service Establishment Bylaw No. 1, 1991;

"VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT" means the Willis Point Volunteer Fire Department;

"WILLIS POINT COMMUNITY CENTRE" means the recreation facilities adjoining the fire hall in the Service Area and owned by the Regional District.

2. Membership

Despite Section 3 of this bylaw, membership shall consist of eight (8) members as follows:

- (a) The Director representing the Electoral Area;
- (b) Seven (7) individuals appointed by resolution of the Regional Board and representing the Service Area;
- (c) For Service Areas with an estimated census population of 750 persons or less, a maximum of two (2) members of the Volunteer Fire Department in the Service Area may be members of the Commission, but none of the aforesaid Commission members shall be the fire chief or any officer.
- (d) Other than the Director, Commission members shall be persons owning property or residing within the Service Area.

3. Delegation of Powers and Duties

- (a) In addition to the powers delegated in Section 8 of this bylaw, the Regional Board hereby delegates to the Commission, subject to the policies and procedures of the Regional Board and limitations defined in the Capital Regional Delegation Bylaw, administrative powers of the Regional Board with respect to the equipment, maintenance, management and operation of the Willis Point Community Centre, and without limiting the generality of the foregoing, the Commission shall establish a scale of admission charges, appoint staff, determine operational rules, procedures and recreational programs and the collection of all revenues from, and payment of expenses of, the said operation.

- (b) Notwithstanding the provisions of (a) above, the Regional Board retains the right of approval of the operational rules, procedures and policies.

4. Administration

In addition to the provisions of Section 10 of this bylaw, the Commission shall:

- (a) review and adopt operational rules and procedures for the organization and operation of the Willis Point Community Centre; and
- (b) review and adopt procedures and allocation of funds required for the maintenance and upkeep of the Willis Point Community Centre and any and all machinery, equipment, furniture and fixtures in conjunction with it.

5. Budget

In addition to the provisions of Section 12 of this bylaw, the Budget shall provide for the necessary funds for the administration, development, maintenance and operational expenses of the Willis Point Community Centre.

Schedule "F" - Galiano

1. Definitions

In this bylaw, as applies to the Galiano Island Fire Protection and Emergency Response Service Commission, unless context otherwise requires:

(Bylaw 4734)

"DIRECTOR" means the Electoral Area Director for the Southern Gulf Islands;

"COMMISSION" means the Galiano Island Fire Protection and Emergency Response Service Commission;

(Bylaws 4721, 4734)

"SERVICE AREA" means the area comprising the North Galiano Fire Protection Service Area, as described in Bylaw No. 1852, "North Galiano Island Fire Protection and Emergency Response Service Establishment Bylaw No. 1, 1990", and the area comprising the South Galiano Fire Protection Service Area, as described in Bylaw No. 2148, "South Galiano Island Fire Protection and Emergency Response Service Establishment Bylaw No. 1, 1993";

(Bylaw 4721)

"VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT" means the Galiano Island Volunteer Fire Department.

(Bylaws 4721, 4734)

2. Membership

Despite Section 3 (a) and (b) of this bylaw, for a term commencing January 1, 2028 membership shall consist of seven (7) members representing the Service Area as follows:

- (a) The Director representing the Electoral Area; and
- (b) Six (6) individuals appointed by resolution of the Regional Board and representing the Service Area. Only one member of the Volunteer Fire Department in the Service Area may be a member of the Commission, but none of the aforesaid Commission members shall be the fire chief or any officer.

(Bylaw 4734)

2.1 Transitional – Membership

- (a) As of January 1, 2026, the Commission shall represent both the service areas of both Bylaw No. 1852, "North Galiano Island Fire Protection and Emergency Response Service Establishment Bylaw No. 1, 1990" and Bylaw No. 2148, "South Galiano Island Fire Protection and Emergency Response Service Establishment Bylaw No. 1, 1993".

- (b) Despite section 3(a) and (b) of this bylaw, and section 2 of this Schedule, as of January 1, 2026, Commission membership, the Commission's membership shall consist of seven (7) members as follows:
 - (i) The Director representing the Electoral Area; and
 - (ii) Six (6) individuals appointed by Resolution of the Regional Board or as deemed appointed under this Schedule who must have the following qualities:
 - a. Up to three individuals representing the North Galiano Fire Protection Service Area, who own property or reside in that area;
 - b. Up to three individuals representing the South Galiano Fire Protection Service Area, who own property or reside in that area;
- (c) Despite 2.1(b), only one member of the Volunteer Fire Department may be a member of the Commission. None of the Commission members shall be the fire chief or any officer.
- (d) Unless otherwise appointed or replaced by resolution of the Board, the transitional directors for a two-year term of the combined Galiano Fire Commission as of January 1, 2026 shall be as follows:
 - (i) Three individuals, selected by resolution from among their number by the North Galiano Fire Commission, who would otherwise qualify under this Schedule;
 - (ii) Three individuals, selected by resolution from among their number by the directors of the South Galiano Fire Society, who would otherwise qualify under this Schedule;
- (e) The individuals serving as transitional commissioners must accept their nomination in writing in advance of or by appearance at the first combined commission meeting.

(Bylaw 4721)

3. Commission Procedure

Despite Section 7 (a) of this bylaw, a Commission must, at its first meeting in January of each year, by secret ballot, elect a Chair, Vice Chair and Treasurer from among its members.