



The term of the agreement with the Parksville Fire Department concludes February 29, 2020.

The Parksville Fire Department was approached to discuss entering into a new 5-year agreement with the RDN for confined space rescue. The agreement was also updated to reflect current practices.

The new 5-year agreement (see attached) was endorsed by the City of Parksville's Council on January 20, 2020. It is requested that the Board endorse this agreement on behalf of the RDN.

## ALTERNATIVES

1. Authorize signature of a five (5) year agreement with the Parksville Fire Department to provide confined space rescue for the Regional District of Nanaimo Water and Utility Services and Wastewater Services.
2. Provide alternate direction.

## FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

There is a service fee in the amount of \$10,500 per year which is a 5% increase from the previous agreement. The service fee contributes towards the cost of training for members of Parksville's Fire Department.

## STRATEGIC PLAN IMPLICATIONS

Social Wellbeing - Make the Region a safe and vibrant place for all, with a focus on children and families in programs and planning.

The agreement with the Parksville Fire Department will allow trained confined space rescue personnel to be available to provide rescue in a confined space emergency. The agreement will also help water and wastewater operators meet regulatory requirements to safely conduct maintenance in confined spaces near Parksville and Nanoose.



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Attachment:

- Agreement for Confined Space Rescue Services, City of Parksville Volunteer Fire Department and RDN, March 1, 2020 to February 28, 2025.