



Nanaimo River Fire Protection Services Feasibility Study

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. That the Board receive the final consultant's report on the Nanaimo River Fire Protection Services Feasibility Study (Attachment 1) for information, and
2. That the Nanaimo River Fire Protection Services Feasibility Study final consultant's report be referred to staff to explore the recommended option(s), including cost considerations and estimates and report back to the Board.

BACKGROUND

The following motions were approved at the May 25, 2021, Regional District of Nanaimo (RDN) Board Meeting:

1. *That the Board approve a fire protection feasibility study be conducted for the Nanaimo River fire protection service area, inclusive of a public engagement process to develop options for the "Nanaimo River Fire Protection Service Capital Reserve Fund" pursuant to the "Nanaimo River Fire Protection Service Reserve Fund Establishment Bylaw No. 1612, 2010" and*
2. *That that the transfer to reserves for 2021 of \$15,661 be reduced to \$13,661 and that \$2000 be allocated for the public engagement process.*

The following motion was approved at the December 7, 2022, Regional District of Nanaimo (RDN) Board Meeting:

That the Board receive the Nanaimo River Fire Protection Feasibility Study – What we Heard Engagement Summary Report for information.

In April 2022, the RDN retained Tim Pley & Associates (TPA) to conduct a fire protection feasibility study for the community of Nanaimo River in Electoral Area C.

The Nanaimo River Fire Protection feasibility study and analysis was conducted based on the development of options to provide fire protection services to the 74 properties in the community of Nanaimo River in Electoral Area C. The final report recommendations for options development are based on the following scope (but not limited to):

- the funds raised and currently held in a capital reserve fund for the construction of a fire hall
- potential alternate cost-effective satellite fire hall designs
- alternatives such as an apparatus storage garage for expedited response to the area

- stopping the annual reserve fund contributions, returning reserve funds, or rationalizing the reserve fund contributions and/or retention of the collected funds
- any additional operational costs as well as Fire Underwriters (FUS) requirements and water supply provisions.
- a public engagement process with participating property owners

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

The Budget for the Nanaimo Fire Protection Feasibility Study is \$18,400.00 (excluding PST and GST) and was approved in the 2022 Financial Plan. The RDN allotted an additional \$2,000 to support the public engagement process. After all expenses, the public engagement costs came in under budget at \$1347.56.

STRATEGIC PLAN ALIGNMENT

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

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ATTACHMENT:

1. Nanaimo River Fire Protection Services Feasibility Study Final Report