

STAFF REPORT

TO: Committee of the Whole

MEETING: July 10, 2018

FROM: Doug Gardiner
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FILE: 7200 01 BHB FPA

SUBJECT: Boundary Expansion – Bow Horn Bay Fire Protection Area

RECOMMENDATION

That “Bow Horn Bay Fire Protection Service Amendment Bylaw No. 1385.09, 2018” be introduced, read three times and forwarded to the Inspector of Municipalities for approval.”

SUMMARY

The Regional District of Nanaimo (RDN) received requests from three property owners on Marshland Road in the Spider Lake area of Electoral Areas 'H' and 'F' to have fire protection supplied by the Bow Horn Bay Fire Department. The Bow Horn Bay Fire Chief and the Bow Horn Bay Fire Department Society agreed that if a petition was successful, they would be in favour of servicing the expansion area. The RDN received an adequate number of returned petitions to warrant the expansion of the Bow Horn Fire Service Area to include five additional properties on Marshland Road. If approved, the subject area will be taxed for the additional service provided by the Bow Horn Bay Fire Department.

BACKGROUND

Three property owners on Marshland Road became aware that they did not have fire protection through communication with Bow Horn Bay Fire Department. Three owners of the subject area (Attachment 1) requested that they be included in Bow Horn Bay Fire Protection Area. In discussion, with the Bow Horn Bay Fire Chief and Society, all were in favour of the expansion. Petitions were sent out to the owners of the five subject properties with three properties (60%) submitting their petitions for the expansion. The net taxable value of all land and improvements in the proposed service area is \$1,590,000 and the net taxable value of the petitions received (land and improvements) is \$1,097,000 (69%). The required threshold to move forward with the boundary expansion and bylaw amendment is 50 + 1% of net taxable value.

ALTERNATIVES

1. That “Bow Horn Bay Fire Protection Service Amendment Bylaw No. 1385.09, 2018” be introduced, read three times and forwarded to the Inspector of Municipalities for Approval.
2. Provide alternate direction to staff.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

There are no significant financial or operational implications.

STRATEGIC PLAN IMPLICATIONS

The strategic plan implications would be for the Bow Horn Bay Fire Department to have their members aware of the additional properties they will be responding to, and to familiarize their department with the properties and adapt any training required for emergency response to the subject area. This is in line with the RDN’s strategic priority to focus on service and organizational excellence by viewing our emergency services as core elements of community safety.



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Attachments

1. Subject Area Map
2. Bow Horn Bay Fire Protection Service Amendment Bylaw No. 1385.09, 2018

Attachment 1 – Subject Area Map

