



## ALTERNATIVES

1. That the Automatic Response Agreement Renewal with the addition of two fire departments, Nanoose Bay Volunteer Fire Department and Bow Horn Bay Volunteer Fire Department, for a five-year term from March 1, 2018 to March 1, 2023, be approved.
2. That alternate direction be provided.

## FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

It is anticipated the overall cost of implementing this agreement will remain fairly revenue neutral as RDN Fire Departments would be responding to incidents in other areas and vice versa.

If the agreement were to be amended, legal costs and resource time would need to be allotted to make changes, complete the review and secondary signing process. The Nanoose Bay and Bow Horn Bay Volunteer Fire Departments would continue to work under the Mutual Aid Agreement until a new Automatic Response Agreement was ready. There could be potential delays in additional equipment and resources being requested depending on the experience level of the Duty Officer at the time of the incident.

If the agreement is not renewed, each department would revert to the use of the Mutual Aid Agreement which has similar cost recovery requirements. The Mutual Aid Agreement however, would create a potential time delay in additional equipment being requested. Depending on the nature of the incident, a delayed initial response of adequate equipment to the emergency location could have a significant impact on the outcome of the incident.

## STRATEGIC PLAN IMPLICATIONS

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Attachment

1. Attachment 1 – 2018-23 Automatic Response Agreement RDN, Parksville, QB, Fire Department Societies