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**REPORT TO ELECTORAL AREA SERVICES COMMITTEE
 MEETING OF WEDNESDAY, 07 NOVEMBER 2007**

SUBJECT **FIRE PERMIT FEES AND CHARGES BYLAW NO. 3491**

PURPOSE/ISSUE

The purpose of this report is to recommend to the Board adoption of Capital Regional District Fire Protection Fees and Charges Bylaw No. 3491.

HISTORY/BACKGROUND

The Capital Regional District has eight fire departments managed by CRD commissions or Societies. In promoting open fire safety and following proper procedures under the new fire regulation bylaw adopted by the Board on September 12, 2007, the fire departments require permits for open burning at certain times of the year. Some departments wish to charge a fee for these permits.

ALTERNATIVES

1. Approve the fees and charges bylaw which allows the fire departments to collect fees for the open burning permits.
2. Amend the fees and charges bylaw and then approve it.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Implications are insignificant - revenues will be nominal. Expenses are limited to printing costs.

SUMMARY/CONCLUSIONS

A fire protection fees and charges bylaw is required to charge for permits which are mandatory under the new fire regulation bylaw adopted by the Board on September 12, 2007.

RECOMMENDATION

1. That Bylaw No. 3491 "Capital Regional District Fire Protection Fees and Charges Bylaw No. 1, 2007" be introduced and read a first time, read a second time, read a third time and adopted.

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Attachment: Bylaw 3491

COMMENTS

Capital Regional District

BYLAW NO. 3491

**A BYLAW TO PROVIDE FOR FEES AND CHARGES WITHIN THE
FIRE PROTECTION SERVICE AREAS**

WHEREAS:

- A. By Supplementary Letters Patent issued the 7th day of July, 1983, the Capital Regional District was given the authority to undertake a program of fire regulation for all or part of what is now the Juan de Fuca Electoral area and the Southern Gulf Islands Electoral area and for that purpose was given the power under then sections 699 and 700 of the *Municipal Act*;
- B. Pursuant to section 803 and section 363 of the *Local Government Act*, the Board may, by bylaw, impose a fee or charge payable in respect of all or part of a service of the district or the exercise of regulatory authority by the Board.

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

- 1. The Board hereby authorizes and imposes the fees and charges for fire permits in the amounts set out in Schedule "A" to this Bylaw.
- 2. The fees and charges established under this Bylaw shall come into effect upon adoption of this bylaw.
- 3. This bylaw may be cited as "Capital Regional District Fire Protection Services Fees and Charges Bylaw No.1, 2007."

READ A FIRST TIME THIS DAY OF 2007.

READ A SECOND TIME THIS DAY OF 2007.

READ A THIRD TIME THIS DAY OF 2007.

ADOPTED THIS DAY OF 2007.

CHAIR

SECRETARY

Schedule "A"

PERMIT CHARGES

<u>Fire Department</u>	<u>Class</u>	<u>Fee</u>
East Sooke Fire	"A"	\$0
	"B"	\$0
	"C"	\$0
North Galiano	"A"	\$0
	"B"	\$0
	"C"	\$0
Otter Point	"A"	\$0
	"B"	\$0
	"C"	\$0
Pender Island	"A"	\$25
	"B"	\$ 5
	"C"	\$ 5
Port Renfrew	"A"	\$0
	"B"	\$0
	"C"	\$0
Shirley	"A"	\$50
	"B"	\$0
	"C"	\$0
South Galiano	"A"	\$0
	"B"	\$0
	"C"	\$0
Willis Point	"A"	\$500
	"B"	\$20
	"C"	\$20