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**REPORT TO THE ELECTORAL AREA SERVICES COMMITTEE  
MEETING OF WEDNESDAY, 03 SEPTEMBER 2008**

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**SUBJECT**                    **Port Renfrew Fire Adding Community Facilities**

**PURPOSE/ISSUE**

The purpose of this report is to consider a bylaw to add constructing, maintaining and operating community facilities to the Port Renfrew Fire and Emergency Response Service.

**HISTORY/BACKGROUND**

In 2006 the Ministry of Community Services provided facilitation assistance to the Sooke and Electoral Area Parks and Recreation Commission (SEAPARC) as part of a service review which was conducted with a view to rationalizing the cost of the service to the Juan de Fuca Electoral Area over the coming years. The agreement reached as a result of that review provided that SEAPARC would no longer spend any funds on community facilities in Port Renfrew.

The agreement reached in 2006 has caused a downward shift in the amount of funding coming from the Port Renfrew community to be used for the SEAPARC facilities. This amount is estimated to be approximately \$5,000 for 2008 and if available to be used directly in the Port Renfrew community would not result in an overall tax increase. Port Renfrew has a community building needing on-going maintenance and repairs and would like to levy for that purpose.

The fire service boundaries cover the Port Renfrew community area. Adding this activity to the purposes of the fire protection bylaw is a more efficient solution than creating an entirely new service bylaw.

**ALTERNATIVES**

1. That Bylaw No. 3559, "Port Renfrew Fire Protection, Emergency Response and Community Facilities Service Establishment Bylaw No. 1, 1989, Amendment Bylaw No. 4, 2008" be introduced and read a first time, read a second time, read a third time.
2. That Bylaw No. 3559 not be approved.

**FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

The maximum levy in the existing Port Renfrew Fire and Emergency Response Establishment Bylaw is sufficient to cover the added expense of supporting community facilities. The initial additional requisition is proposed to be \$5,000.

**SUMMARY/CONCLUSIONS**

The participants in SEAPARC had a successful service review in 2006 which reduced the amount of contribution to SEAPARC coming from the Port Renfrew community. As part of the agreement, no more funding was to be provided to Port Renfrew for community facilities.

Because Port Renfrew does have a community building in need of on-going maintenance and repairs, it seemed prudent to amend the Fire Protection and Emergency Support Service by adding the ability to service community facilities in to order to provide funding for the existing facilities. The amount of the additional funding for 2008 is approximately \$5,000.

**RECOMMENDATION(S)**

That Bylaw No. 3559, “Port Renfrew Fire Protection, Emergency Response and Community Facilities Service Establishment Bylaw No. 1, 1989, Amendment Bylaw No. 4, 2008” be introduced and read a first time, read a second time, read a third time.

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