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**REPORT TO ELECTORAL AREA SERVICES COMMITTEE
MEETING OF WEDNESDAY, 7 APRIL 2010**

SUBJECT **Consolidated Juan de Fuca E.A. Fire Protection and Emergency Response Commission Bylaws**

PURPOSE

The purpose of this report is to request Board approval of Bylaw No. 3654 to convert and consolidate local Fire Protection and Emergency Response Service Committees into Commissions and to establish a consolidated bylaw for the existing commissions and converted committees.

BACKGROUND

There are currently six fire protection and emergency response commissions and/or committees which are each established as a separate bylaw. They are:

Currently	Continued and Renamed
East Sooke Fire Protection Service Area Management Bylaw No. 1, 2007	East Sooke Fire Protection and Emergency Response Service Commission
Otter Point Fire Protection Service Area Management Bylaw No. 1, 2003	Otter Point Fire Protection Commission
Port Renfrew fire Protection Local Service Area Fire Department Management Bylaw No. 1, 1990	Port Renfrew Local Services Commission (includes fire, solid waste and community facilities)
Shirley Fire Protection Service Area Management Bylaw No. 1, 2008	Shirley Fire Protection and Emergency Response Service Commission
Willis Point Fire Protection Facilities Local Service Area Management Bylaw, 1995	Willis Point Fire Protection and Recreation Facilities Commission
North Galiano Fire Protection Service Area Management Bylaw No. 1, 2004	North Galiano Fire Protection and Emergency Response Service Commission

Bylaw No. 3654:

- Centralizes a number of bylaws, plus amendments, into one document
- Provides uniformity and consistency to the wording of the bylaw
- Eliminates the gaps and irrelevancies that occur in multiple bylaws
- Reduces the effort and time required to amend the bylaw

This bylaw has been reviewed by all the fire departments and the Electoral Area Directors for Southern Gulf Islands and Juan de Fuca, the two jurisdictions where the services are located.

ALTERNATIVES

1. That Bylaw No. 3654, “Fire Protection and Emergency Response Service Commissions and Related Local Services Bylaw, 2010” be introduced and read a first time, read a second time, read a third time and adopted.
2. That the fire protection committee/commission bylaws not be consolidated at this time.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

There are no financial implications to converting and consolidating the local Fire Protection and Emergency Response Commission bylaws.

SUMMARY/CONCLUSIONS

There are currently six fire protection and emergency response commissions and/or committees which are established by separate bylaws. Consolidating them into one bylaw provides reduces the number of bylaws, eliminates gaps and irrelevancies and provides more consistency to the clauses required to establish a commission. It will also make administration of these bylaws less time consuming.

RECOMMENDATIONS

That Bylaw No. 3654, “Fire Protection and Emergency Response Service Commissions and Related Local Services Bylaw, 2009” be introduced and read a first time, read a second time, read a third time and adopted.

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COMMENTS:

Attachments: 1