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REPORT TO ELECTORAL AREA SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING OF WEDNESDAY, 07 APRIL 2010

SUBJECT FIRE MUTUAL AID AGREEMENT WITH THE DISTRICT OF SOOKE

PURPOSE/ISSUE

The purpose of this report is to recommend to the Board adoption of Bylaw No. 3699 which will repeal Bylaw No. 2323 containing the old mutual aid agreement with the District of Sooke.

HISTORY/BACKGROUND

In 1995 a mutual aid agreement for fire suppression and first response was signed by the Sooke Fire Protection District, East Sooke Fire Improvement District, the Shirley Volunteer Fire Protection Society and the CRD. This agreement was adopted in June 1995 by the CRD Board under Bylaw No. 2323.

East Sooke and Shirley Fire departments have since become CRD managed Fire Commissions. In the fall of 2009 all parties decided the mutual aid agreement was due for a revision. The new agreement contains updated insurance clauses and follows a template established in consultation with our solicitor. The final agreement has now been signed by all affected parties.

It is no longer a requirement to have these types of agreements adopted by the Board through a bylaw therefore the existing bylaw, which supports the old mutual aid agreement, should be repealed.

ALTERNATIVES

- 1) That Bylaw No. 3699 cited as, "Bylaw to Repeal Bylaw No. 2323 being Otter Point, Shirley, Sooke and East Sooke Fire Protection and Assistance Response Mutual Aid Agreement Authorization Bylaw, 1995" be introduced and read a first time, read a second time, and read a third time and adopted.
- 2) Do not repeal Bylaw No. 2323 at this time.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

There are no changes in financial arrangements in the new agreement. Each party is responsible for their own costs.

SUMMARY/CONCLUSIONS

Bylaw No.2323, which supports the old mutual aid agreement, should be repealed as a new mutual aid agreement has now been signed with the District of Sooke.

RECOMMENDATION

That Bylaw No. 3699 cited as, "Bylaw to Repeal Bylaw No. 2323 being Otter Point, Shirley, Sooke and East Sooke Fire Protection and Assistance Response Mutual Aid Agreement Authorization Bylaw, 1995" be introduced and read a first time, read a second time, and read a third time and adopted.

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Attachment: Bylaw No. 3699

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