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**REPORT TO ELECTORAL AREA SERVICES COMMITTEE  
MEETING OF WEDNESDAY, 07 SEPTEMBER 2011**

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**SUBJECT**                      **WILLIS POINT FIRE PROTECTION, EMERGENCY RESPONSE AND  
RECREATION SERVICE AREA BOUNDARY CHANGE**

**ISSUE**

The need to expand the boundary of the service area to include 100 metres below the high tide water mark.

**BACKGROUND**

On behalf of the property owners who own waterfront property, the Willis Point Fire Protection and Recreation Facilities Commission is requesting an extension of the service area boundary to include 100 metres below the high tide water mark.

Currently, the volunteer fire department does not have the authority to provide fire protection and emergency response in the area of the proposed extension. Implementation of the extension, as illustrated in Schedule "A" of the proposed bylaw 3766, will authorize the fire department to provide emergency response services in the expanded area to the extent possible with the volunteer fire department's equipment and personnel.

The Capital Regional District (CRD) has included waterfront extensions in other fire service areas (e.g.: North Galiano Fire Protection and Emergency Response Service, Otter Point Fire Protection and Emergency Response Service.)

**ALTERNATIVES**

1. That Bylaw No. 3766, cited as "Willis Point Fire Protection, Emergency Response and Recreation Service Establishment Bylaw No. 1, Amendment Bylaw No. 3, 2011" be introduced and read a first and second time, and read a third time.
2. That the service area boundary not be expanded.

**IMPLICATIONS**

Property owners are seeking protection of their property (e.g.: docks, boats, piers) within the proposed extended area. With this extension, the volunteer fire department will have the authority to access the property to provide emergency response services to the extent possible with the equipment and personnel resources at their disposal.

**CONCLUSION**

On behalf of the waterfront property owners in the service area, the Willis Point Fire Protection and Recreation Facilities Commission is requesting an extension to the service area

boundary of 100 metres beyond the high tide water mark. The CRD has approved this type of extension in other fire service areas. The extension will authorize the volunteer fire department to provide emergency response services, to the extent possible with its personnel and equipment, in the extended area.

**RECOMMENDATION**

That Bylaw No. 3766, cited as “Willis Point Fire Protection, Emergency Response and Recreation Service Establishment Bylaw No. 1, Amendment Bylaw No. 3, 2011” be introduced and read a first and second time, and read a third time.

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Attachments: 1

**CAPITAL REGIONAL DISTRICT  
BYLAW NO. 3766**

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**A BYLAW TO AMEND BYLAW NO. 1951 TO CHANGE THE SERVICE AREA BOUNDARY**  
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The Board of the Capital Regional District in open meeting assembled enacts as follows:

Bylaw No. 1951 "Willis Point Fire Protection, Emergency Response and Recreation Service Establishment Bylaw No. 1" is amended as follows:

**Boundaries**

1. By deleting Schedule "A" in its entirety and replacing it with the attached Schedule "A".

**Citation**

2. This Bylaw may be cited as the "Willis Point Fire Protection, Emergency Response and Recreation Service Establishment Bylaw No. 1, Amendment Bylaw No. 3, 2011".

CONSENTED TO by the Director of Juan de Fuca Electoral Area under Section 801.5 of the *Local Government Act*.

READ A FIRST TIME THIS	th	day of	2011
READ A SECOND TIME THIS	th	day of	2011
READ A THIRD TIME THIS	th	day of	2011
APPROVED BY THE INSPECTOR OF MUNICIPALITIES THIS	th	day of	2011
ADOPTED THIS	th	day of	2011

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CHAIR

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CORPORATE OFFICER

FILED WITH THE INSPECTOR OF MUNICIPALITIES THIS <sup>th</sup> day of 2011

