

# REPORT TO PORT RENFREW LOCAL SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING OF THURSDAY, 23 OCTOBER 2008

**SUBJECT** 

PORT RENFREW FIRE DEPARTMENT - TEMPORARY SHELTER FOR THE STANDBY FIRE APPARATUS

#### **PURPOSE**

To seek approval from the Port Renfrew Local Services Committee for the expenditure of funds from contingency for the purchase of a temporary shelter for the standby fire apparatus.

## **BACKGROUND**

A new fire apparatus was purchased as part of the contract between the Capital Regional District (CRD) and the Pacheedaht First Nation. The new apparatus is sheltered in the existing Port Renfrew fire hall, however the old fire apparatus, which is being maintained as a standby piece, no longer has a home until the new hall is completed. For the winter of 2008/2009, the fire chief has requested approximately \$3,500 be expended to purchase a temporary shelter for the vehicle. Location of the shelter may be an issue at the present site owing to setback requirements. If this is an issue, the shelter may need to be erected at another location, possibly the community centre or a portion of lot 64 or other.

#### DISCUSSION

Notwithstanding the requirements for location by the Building Inspection Division, the shelter of the equipment is important for the winter. It is presumed the shelter will need to have some form of temporary heating, suggesting it be located next to a facility. The shelter is required in advance of the onset of winter weather.

### **ALTERNATIVES**

- 1. That the Port Renfrew Local Services Committee authorize the expenditure of up to \$3,500 from the Port Renfrew fire budget contingency for purchase of a temporary shelter for the standby fire apparatus.
- That the committee direct staff to seek other options.

#### FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

The estimated cost is \$3,500. The fire budget contingency stands at \$5,250.

#### RECOMMENDATION

That the Port Renfrew Local Services Committee authorize the expenditure of up to \$3,500 from the Port Renfrew fire budget contingency for purchase of a temporary shelter for the standby fire apparatus.

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