



STAFF REPORT TO COMMITTEE

DATE OF REPORT December 20, 2023

MEETING TYPE & DATE Electoral Area Services Committee of January 17, 2024

FROM: Emergency Management Division – Fire Rescue Services
Strategic Services Department

SUBJECT: Boundary Extension into Goldstream Heights Fire Protection Service Area

FILE: 4200-20-2023-11-14 Goldstream Heights FPSA

PURPOSE/INTRODUCTION

The purpose of this report is to request that the Goldstream Heights Fire Protection Service Area (FPSA) be extended to include one additional property.

RECOMMENDED RESOLUTION

That it be recommended to the Board:

1. That the Certificate of Sufficiency, confirming that a sufficient petition requesting inclusion into the Goldstream Heights Fire Protection Service Area, be received.
2. That CVRD Bylaw No. 2414 (Malahat Fire Protection Service Establishment Bylaw, 2003) be amended to include the properties described in the Certificate of Sufficiency (Attachment A) dated September 29, 2023, for the Goldstream Heights Fire Protection Service Area.

BACKGROUND

The CVRD has received a written request from a property owner for inclusion into the Goldstream Heights Fire Protection Service Area.

ANALYSIS

The Fire Rescue Services manager and the Malahat Fire Chief reviewed the request for inclusion into the Goldstream Heights (Malahat) Fire Protection Service Area. The Fire Department is able to service this property and a service area boundary extension is supported.

Provincial legislation sets the requirements for a petition for service, including that the petition must be signed by the majority of owners of a parcel, and where more than one parcel is involved, the petition must be signed by owners of at least 50% of the parcels representing 50% of the net taxable value of land and improvements. The petition has been certified as sufficient by the Corporate Officer.

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

The annual cost of providing fire protection services will be recovered through property value taxes to be requisitioned and collected on the basis of net taxable value of land and improvements within the service area.

COMMUNICATION CONSIDERATIONS

Not Applicable

STRATEGIC/BUSINESS PLAN CONSIDERATIONS

The activities of the Malahat Fire Department support the CVRD's goal of providing responsible and cost-effective emergency response by embracing the concept of service excellence in a safe, liveable and healthy community.

Referred to (upon completion):

- ☐ Community Services (*Cowichan Community Centre, Cowichan Lake Recreation, South Cowichan Recreation, Arts & Culture, Facilities & Transit*)
- ☐ Corporate Services (*Finance, Human Resources, Information Technology, Legislative Services*)
- ☐ Operations (*Utilities, Parks & Trails, Recycling & Waste Management*)
- ☐ Land Use Services (*Community Planning, Strategic Initiatives, Development Services, Building Inspection & Bylaw Enforcement*)
- ☐ Strategic Services (*Communications & Engagement, Economic Development, Emergency Management, Environmental Services*)

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Not applicable
Not applicable



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Reviewed for form and content and approved for submission to the Committee:

Resolution:

Financial Considerations:

☒ Corporate Officer

☒ Chief Financial Officer

ATTACHMENTS:

Attachment A – Certificate of Sufficiency

Attachment B – Site Map of Proposed Boundary Extension