



STAFF REPORT TO COMMITTEE

DATE OF REPORT August 10, 2023
MEETING TYPE & DATE Electoral Area Services Committee October 18, 2023
FROM: Emergency Management Cowichan – Fire Rescue Services
Strategic Services Department
SUBJECT: Boundary Extension into Lake Cowichan Fire Protection Service
Area
FILE: 4200-20 2023-06-23 Lake Cowichan FSA

PURPOSE/INTRODUCTION

The purpose of this report is to request that the Lake Cowichan Fire Protection Service Area be extended to include two additional properties.

RECOMMENDED RESOLUTION

That it be recommended to the Board:

1. That the Certificate of Sufficiency, confirming that a sufficient petition requesting inclusion into the Lake Cowichan Fire Protection Service Area, be received.
2. That CVRD Bylaw No. 1657 (Lake Cowichan Fire Protection Service Establishment Bylaw No. 1994) be amended to include the properties described as: PID 001-210-076, Plan 30889, Block A, Cowichan Lake District Lot 46 (Civic Address 5892 & 5894 Mayo Road) and PID 003-692-809, Plan 30889, Block A, Cowichan Lake District Lot 46 (Civic Address 5818 Mayo Road).

BACKGROUND

The CVRD has received written requests from six property owners for inclusion into the Lake Cowichan Fire Protection Service Area.

ANALYSIS

The Manager, Fire Rescue Services and the Lake Cowichan Fire Chief reviewed the request for inclusion into the Fire Protection Service Area. The Fire Department is able to service these properties 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 Lake Cowichan 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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Reviewed for form and content and approved for submission to the Committee:

Resolution:

Financial Considerations:

A/Deputy Corporate Officer

Chief Financial Officer

ATTACHMENTS:

Attachment A – Certificate of Sufficiency

Attachment B – Site Map of Proposed Boundary Extension