



THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF COURTENAY

STAFF REPORT

To: Council
From: Fire Chief

File No.: 2240-20/7200-20
Date: April 26 2023

Subject: Comox Valley Fire and Rescue Services Agreement Renewal

PURPOSE:

The purpose of this report is to renew the Comox Valley Fire and Rescue Services Agreement between the City of Courtenay (the "City") and the Comox Valley Regional District, Town of Comox, Village of Cumberland, Ships Point Improvement District and the City of Campbell River.

BACKGROUND:

The City has been providing and receiving mutual aid service through the Comox Valley Fire and Rescue Services Agreement (Mutual Aid Agreement) for decades. The Mutual Aid Agreement has been beneficial to all parties involved over the years, and allows us to handle those rare incidents that would exceed our resource capabilities.

DISCUSSION:

On May 10th 2023, the Comox Valley Fire and Rescue Services Agreement will reach the end of term and transition to a month to month basis until such time of extension. Staff considers this agreement to be a straightforward renewal of a longstanding fire service agreement that has benefited all communities covered by this arrangement.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

There are no additional financial impacts relating to renewal of this agreement, and cost recovery provisions are included in the agreement.

ADMINISTRATIVE IMPLICATIONS:

There are no administrative implications.

STRATEGIC PRIORITIES REFERENCE:

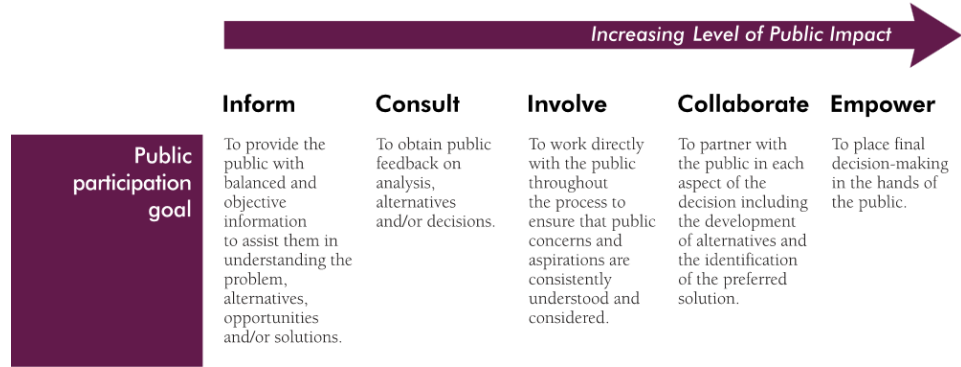
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- **AREA OF CONTROL:** The policy, works and programming matters that fall within Council's jurisdictional authority to act
- ▲ **AREA OF INFLUENCE:** Matters that fall within shared or agreed jurisdiction between Council and another government or party
- **AREA OF CONCERN:** Matters of interest that are outside Council's jurisdictional authority to act

PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT:

Staff would inform the public based on the IAP2 Spectrum of Public Participation:



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OPTIONS:

1. That Council approve OPTION 1 and authorize the renewal of the Comox Valley Fire and Rescue Services Agreement between the City and the Comox Valley Regional District, Town of Comox, Village of Cumberland, Ships Point Improvement District and the City of Campbell River for a term of five (5) years commencing May 9 2023 and ending May 10, 2028.
2. THAT Council refer the agreement back to staff for changes.

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