To:
 Council
 File No.: 2240-20/7200-20

 From:
 Fire Chief
 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 10<sup>th</sup> 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:**

# We focus on organizational and governance excellence

- Value community safety and support our protective services
- 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:

#### Increasing Level of Public Impact Inform Consult Involve Collaborate Empower To provide the To obtain public To work directly To partner with To place final **Public** feedback on public with with the public the public in each decision-making participation balanced and analysis. throughout aspect of the in the hands of alternatives the process to decision including the public. objective goal information and/or decisions. ensure that public the development to assist them in concerns and of alternatives and understanding the aspirations are the identification problem, of the preferred consistently understood and alternatives, solution opportunities and/or solutions. considered.

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# **OPTIONS:**

- 1. That Council approve OPTION 1 and authorize the renewel 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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