



STAFF REPORT

DATE: May 3, 2021 **FILE:** 0550-04 Board

TO: Chair and Directors,
Regional Board

FROM: Dave Leitch
Chief Administrative Officer

RE: REGIONAL FIRE PROTECTION SERVICE FEASIBILITY STUDY

PURPOSE/PROBLEM

To consider undertaking a feasibility study to examine potential benefits associated with a regional approach to fire protection services delivered through the Regional District, local municipalities and other public entities.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

At the April 28, 2021 meeting of the Municipal Services Committee discussion took place on the concept of a regional fire protection service and the following resolution was passed:

Unger/Cornfield: MSC 12/21

THAT a report be prepared on the concept of a regional fire protection service.

Based on the discussion that occurred at the Committee meeting, it is believed that the primary intent is to look at ways to support the delivery of effective response and suppression activities in regional communities rather than investigating the costs and operational protocols associated with a regionalized fire department. This could include issues such as training standardization, bulk equipment procurement, fire apparatus specifications, mutual aid and other initiatives.

If the Board is supportive of the concept it is recommended that staff obtain cost estimates for the work being proposed and bring back a report to the Board for further consideration.

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. THAT the report from the Chief Administrative Officer be received.
2. THAT a further report with cost estimates for investigating a regional fire protection service be prepared for the Board's consideration.

Respectfully:

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Dave Leitch", is written over a horizontal line.

Dave Leitch
Chief Administrative Officer

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