



## STAFF REPORT

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**DATE:** November 15, 2019

**FILE:** 0540-20

**TO:** Chair and Directors,  
Regional Board

**FROM:** Dave Leitch  
Chief Administrative Officer

**RE:** BYLAW NO. 328 – CORTES ISLAND FIRST RESPONDER SERVICE

### **PURPOSE/PROBLEM**

To consider final passage and adoption of Bylaw No. 328 which proposes to provide funding for the operation of a first responder service for Cortes Island.

### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

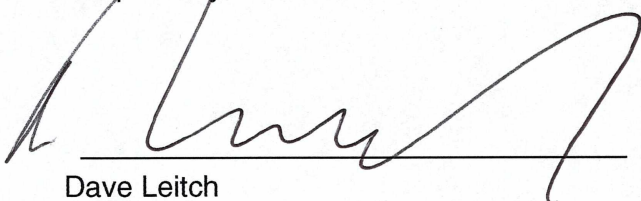
At its November 6, 2019 meeting the Board was advised of the results of the assent voting for Bylaw No. 328 (Cortes Island First Responder Service) which took place on October 26, 2019. As noted at the time, approximately 83% of votes were cast in favour of the bylaw. The Regional District has not been made aware of any pending actions to challenge the validity of the voting process or voting results.

In accordance with s.342 of the *Local Government Act* the Board may now proceed with final passage and adoption of Bylaw No. 328, following which it is proposed that a further report setting out next steps for implementing the service be prepared for the Board's consideration.

### **RECOMMENDATION:**

1. THAT the report from the Chief Administrative Officer be received.
2. THAT Bylaw No. 328, being Cortes Island First Responder Service Establishing Bylaw 2018, be now reconsidered, finally passed and adopted.
3. THAT a further report outlining next steps for implementing the first responder service be prepared for consideration by the Board.

Respectfully:



Dave Leitch  
Chief Administrative Officer

Attachments: Bylaw No. 328  
Declaration of Voting Results



## BYLAW NO. 328

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### A BYLAW TO ESTABLISH A FIRST RESPONDER SERVICE FOR CORTES ISLAND

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**WHEREAS** the Regional District may, pursuant to the *Local Government Act*, operate any service that it considers necessary or desirable for all or part of the Regional District;

**AND WHEREAS** the Regional Board wishes to establish a service for providing response to persons requiring emergency medical assistance;

**AND WHEREAS** the assent of the electors has been obtained in accordance with the *Local Government Act*,

**NOW THEREFORE** the Board of Directors of the Strathcona Regional District, in open meeting assembled, enacts as follows:

#### **Service Established**

1. There is hereby established a service to be known as the Cortes Island first responder service.

#### **Service Described**

2. The service hereby established includes the training, equipping and deploying of personnel to provide first aid during medical emergencies until such time as those personnel have been relieved by ambulance paramedics.

#### **Participating Area**

3. The participating area for the service is Electoral Area B (Cortes Island).

#### **Service Area Boundaries**

4. The boundaries of the service area include the entirety of Electoral Area B (Cortes Island).

**Cost Recovery**

- 5. The annual cost of operating the service shall be recovered by one or more of the following methods:
  - (a) property value taxes imposed in accordance with Division 3 of Part 11 of the *Local Government Act*,
  - (b) revenues received by way of agreement, enterprise, gift, grant or otherwise;
  - (c) revenues raised by other means authorized by the *Local Government Act* or another Act.

**Limit on Requisition**

- 6. The maximum amount that may be requisitioned annually is the greater of \$45,000 or the equivalent of \$0.1443 per 1,000 of the net taxable value of land and improvements in the service area.

**Citation**

- 7. This bylaw may be cited for all purposes as Bylaw No. 328, being Cortes Island First Responder Service Establishing Bylaw 2018.

**READ A FIRST TIME ON THE 22<sup>ND</sup> DAY OF NOVEMBER, 2018**

**READ A SECOND TIME ON THE 22<sup>ND</sup> DAY OF NOVEMBER, 2018**

**READ A THIRD TIME ON THE 13<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF MARCH, 2019**

**APPROVED BY THE INSPECTOR OF MUNICIPALITIES ON THE 14<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF AUGUST, 2018**

**APPROVAL OF THE ELECTORS RECEIVED ON THE 26<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF OCTOBER, 2019**

**RECONSIDERED, FINALLY PASSED AND ADOPTED ON THE      DAY OF                      , 2019**

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Chair

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Corporate Officer



**DECLARATION OF OFFICIAL VOTING RESULTS**

**BYLAW NO. 328 (CORTES ISLAND FIRST RESPONDER SERVICE)**

I, Thomas Yates, Chief Election Officer for the Strathcona Regional District, do hereby declare pursuant to Section 146 of the *Local Government Act* that the results of the voting on Bylaw No. 328, being Cortes Island First Responder Service Establishing Bylaw 2018, are as follows:

In Favour	Opposed
456	94

AND FURTHER that the assent of the electors has been obtained for the said Bylaw No. 328.

Given under my hand at Campbell River,  
British Columbia, this 30<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2019.

  
Chief Election Officer