



STAFF REPORT

DATE: May 1, 2024 **FILE:** 0550-04 SDLC

TO: Chair and Directors,
School District 72 Liaison Committee

FROM: David Leitch
Chief Administrative Officer

RE: CORTES ISLAND SCHOOL – BACK-UP POWER

PURPOSE/PROBLEM

To provide the Committee with an update on back-up power for the Cortes Island School.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Regional Board considered a recommendation from the School District Liaison Committee regarding a partnership agreement for the provision of a generator at the Cortes Island school/Emergency Operation site at its February 28, 2024 meeting at which time the following resolution was passed:

Vonesch/Mawhinney: SRD 191/24

THAT a partnership agreement between the Strathcona Regional District and School District No. 72 be explored for the provision of back up power for the Cortes Island school/Emergency Operations site.

At its April 24, 2024 meeting, the Regional Board received the attached report that provided clarification regarding the Memorandum of Understanding with School District 72, the authority to provide grants available through the Union of BC Municipalities and future long-term capital planning within School District 72.

RECOMMENDATION

THAT the report from the Chief Administrative Officer be received.

Respectfully:

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David Leitch
Chief Administrative Officer

Prepared by: E. Watson, Manager, Corporate Operations

Attachment: Copy of April 19, 2024 report to Regional Board



STAFF REPORT

DATE: April 19, 2024 **FILE:** 0550-04 Board

TO: Chair and Directors,
Regional Board

FROM: David Leitch
Chief Administrative Officer

RE: CORTES ISLAND SCHOOL – BACK-UP POWER

PURPOSE/PROBLEM

To provide the Board with an update on back-up power for the Cortes Island School.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The attached report was considered at the February 28, 2024 Board meeting at which time the following resolution was passed:

Vonesch/Mawhinney: SRD 191/24

THAT a partnership agreement between the Strathcona Regional District and School District No. 72 be explored for the provision of back up power for the Cortes Island school/Emergency Operation site.

The Regional District signed a Memorandum of Understanding with School District 72 (SD72) in 2021 that allows for the use of its facilities to support residents impacted by an emergency. However, the Regional District does not have unfettered authority to provide funding for capital projects at buildings owned by other entities. Grants for back-up power available through the Union of BC Municipalities are limited to buildings owned by local government and First Nations.

SD72 has informed the Regional District that there is currently no plan to integrate back up power into their long-term capital plan, although this need is acknowledged. SD72 is exploring the possibility of completing an engineering report in order to have a shovel ready project for capital funding should funds become available.

RECOMMENDATION

THAT the report from the Chief Administrative Officer be received.

Respectfully:



David Leitch
Chief Administrative Officer

Prepared by: S. Koopman, *Manager of Emergency Services*

Attachment: Copy of February 27, 2024 report to Regional Board



STAFF REPORT

DATE: February 27, 2024 **FILE:** 0550-04 Board Reports

TO: Chair and Directors
Regional Board

FROM: Dave Leitch
Chief Administrative Officer

RE: EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS FOR THE CORTES ISLAND SCHOOL/EMERGENCY OPERATION SITE

PURPOSE/PROBLEM

To consider a recommendation from the School District Liaison Committee regarding a partnership agreement for the provision of a generator at the Cortes Island school/Emergency Operation site.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

At its December 6, 2023 meeting the School District Liaison Committee passed the following resolution:

Gladish/Rice: SDLC 7/23

THAT a partnership agreement between the Strathcona Regional District and School District 72 be explored regarding a generator for the Cortes Island school/Emergency Operation site.

The actions outlined below are offered in support of the Committee's recommendation.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. THAT the report from the Chief Administrative Officer be received.
2. THAT a partnership agreement between the Strathcona Regional District and School District No. 72 be explored for the provision of a generator for the Cortes Island school/Emergency Operation site.

Respectfully:

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for Dave Leitch
Chief Administrative Officer

Prepared by: E. Watson, Manager, Corporate Operations