

CAPITAL REGIONAL DISTRICT

BYLAW NO. 4721

**A BYLAW TO AMEND ADVISORY AND ADMINISTRATIVE AUTHORITY OF
CERTAIN FIRE COMMISSIONS**

WHEREAS:

- A. Under Bylaw No. 3654, “Fire Protection and Emergency Response Service Commissions Bylaw, 2010”, the Capital Regional District established or continued a number of fire protection and emergency response service commissions and established a consolidated bylaw for local fire protection and emergency response commissions;
- B. In 2023, the Capital Regional District conducted consultations and studies relating to modernizing fire protection and emergency service delivery and continues to draft and consult modernization bylaws, but is engaged in modernization of certain services commissions that desire to proceed with hiring and consolidation activities while consultations continue;
- C. The Board wishes to amend Bylaw No. 3654 to make minor changes to advisory and administrative authority of certain fire commissions, as well as other changes, to begin the process of fire service and emergency response modernization;

NOW THEREFORE, the Board of the Capital Regional District, in open meeting assembled hereby enacts as follows:

- 1. Bylaw No. 3654, “Fire Protection and Emergency Response Service Commissions Bylaw, 2010” is hereby amended as follows:
 - (a) By inserting into section 9, Advisory Authority of a Commission, after section 9(2), the following:
 - (3) The Otter Point Fire Protection and Emergency Response Service Commission and the North Galiano Fire Protection and Emergency Response Service Commission shall advise on the appointment of a Fire Chief.
 - (b) By inserting into section 10, Administrative Authority of a Commission, after section 10(2), as section 10(3), the following:
 - (3) Section 10(1)(a) [*Confirm Fire Chief Appointment*] does not apply to the Otter Point Fire Protection and Emergency Response Service Commission and the North Galiano Fire Protection and Emergency Response Service Commission.
- 4. Schedule “F” – North Galiano, of Bylaw No. 3654 is hereby amended as follows:
 - (a) By inserting as section 2.1, Transitional - Membership, the following

2.1 Transitional - Membership

- (a) As of January 1, 2026, the Commission shall represent both the service areas of both Bylaw No. 1852, "North Galiano Island Fire Protection and Emergency Response Service Establishment Bylaw No. 1, 1990" and Bylaw No. 2148, "South Galiano Island Fire Protection and Emergency Response Service Establishment Bylaw No. 1, 1993".
- (b) Despite section 3(a) and (b) of this bylaw, and section 2 of this Schedule, as of January 1, 2026, Commission membership, the Commission's membership shall consist of seven (7) members as follows:
 - a. The Director representing the Electoral Area; and
 - b. Six (6) individuals appointed by Resolution of the Regional Board or as deemed appointed under this Schedule who must have the following qualities:
 - i. Up to three individuals representing the North Galiano Fire Protection Service Area, who own property or reside in that area;
 - ii. Up to three individuals representing the South Galiano Fire Protection Service Area, who own property or reside in that area;
- (c) Despite 2.1(b), only one member of the Volunteer Fire Department may be a member of the Commission. None of the Commission members shall be the fire chief or any officer.
- (d) Unless otherwise appointed or replaced by resolution of the Board, the transitional directors for a two-year term of the combined Galiano Fire Commission as of January 1, 2026 shall be as follows:
 - a. Three individuals, selected by resolution from among their number by the North Galiano Fire Commission, who would otherwise qualify under this Schedule;
 - b. Three individuals, selected by resolution from among their number by the directors of the South Galiano Fire Society, who would otherwise qualify under this Schedule;
- (e) The individuals serving as transitional commissioners must accept their nomination in writing in advance of or by appearance at the first combined commission meeting.

5. Effective January 1, 2026, Bylaw No. 3654 is hereby amended as follows:

- (a) By inserting as section 2, Volunteer Fire Department Commission, 2(f), the following:

2(f) As of January 1, 2026, the North Galiano Fire Protection and Emergency Response Service Commission shall be known as the Galiano Island Fire Protection and Emergency Response Service Commission, and its Service Area shall be those local service areas set out in Bylaws No. 1852, "North Galiano Island Fire Protection and Emergency Response Service Establishment Bylaw No. 1, 1990" and Bylaws No. 2148, "South

Galiano Island Fire Protection and Emergency Response Service
Establishment Bylaw No. 1, 1993".

- (b) By removing sections 3(c) and 3(d) and re-alphabetizing the remaining sub-paragraphs.
 - (c) In sections 9(3) and 10(3), by replacing reference to "North Galiano Fire Protection and Emergency Response Service Commission" with "Galiano Island Fire Protection and Emergency Response Service Commission".
6. Effective January 1, 2026, Schedule "F" – North Galiano, of Bylaw No. 3654 is hereby amended as follows:
- (a) Replace the definition of "COMMISSION" with the following:

"COMMISSION" means the Galiano Island Fire Protection and Emergency Response Service Commission.
 - (b) Replace the definition of "SERVICE AREA" with the following:

"SERVICE AREA" means the area comprising the North Galiano Fire Protection Service Area as described in Bylaw No. 1852, "North Galiano island Fire Protection and Emergency Response Service Establishment Bylaw No. 1, 1990", and the area comprising the South Galiano Fire Protection Service Area as described in Bylaw No. 2148, "South Galiano Island Fire Protection and Emergency Response Service Establishment Bylaw No. 1, 1993";
 - (c) Replace the definition of "VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT" with the following:

"VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT" means the Galiano Island Volunteer Fire Department.
7. This Bylaw may be cited for all purposes as Bylaw No. 4721, "Fire Protection and Emergency Response Service Commissions Bylaw, 2010, Amendment Bylaw No. 3, 2025".

READ A FIRST TIME THIS	12 th	day of	November	2025
READ A SECOND TIME THIS	12 th	day of	November	2025
READ A THIRD TIME THIS	12 th	day of	November	2025
ADOPTED THIS	12 th	day of	November	2025

CHAIR

CORPORATE OFFICER