

**REPORT TO ELECTORAL AREAS COMMITTEE
MEETING OF WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 13, 2021**

SUBJECT **Expansion of Willis Point Fire Protection, Emergency Response and Recreation Facilities Local Service Area (Bylaw No. 1951)**

ISSUE SUMMARY

Three properties located in Willis Point within the Juan de Fuca Electoral Area have petitioned the Capital Regional District (CRD) to be included in the Willis Point Fire Protection service area. The proposed change requires an amendment to the Willis Point Fire Protection, Emergency Response and Recreation Facilities Local Service Establishment Bylaw.

BACKGROUND

Three properties in Willis Point area of the Juan de Fuca Electoral Act are currently excluded from the Willis Point Fire Protection, Emergency Response and Recreation Facilities Local Service Area. These property owners have worked with staff to prepare a petition to the CRD to be included in the Willis Point Fire Protection, Emergency Response and Recreation Service area boundary. The proposed boundary amendment would include properties located at 400, 410 and 420 Durrance Close.

The petition process was concluded on September 10, 2021. All three property owners provided unanimous support to the amended service area and results have been certified by the CRD Corporate Officer (Appendix B).

The proposed bylaw amendment ensures properties receive timely life-safety services and increases the tax base for the service. There are no operational concerns with the addition of these properties. The proposal is supported by staff and the Willis Point Fire Protection, Emergency Response and Recreation Commission.

ALTERNATIVES

Alternative 1

The Electoral Areas Committee recommends to the Capital Regional District Board:

1. That the attached Certificate of Results of the petition to expand the service area boundary for the Willis Point Fire Protection, Emergency Response and Recreation Service be received;
2. That Bylaw No. 4458, "Willis Point Fire Protection, Emergency Response and Recreation Service Establishment Bylaw No. 1, 1991, Amendment Bylaw No. 5, 2021" be read a first, second, and third time; and
3. That Bylaw No. 4458 be referred to the Inspector of Municipalities for approval.

Alternative 2

That this report be referred back to staff for additional information.

CONCLUSION

Three properties located within the Juan de Fuca Electoral Area submitted a petition to be included in the Willis Point Fire Protection service area. If approved, the proposed change amends the Willis Point Fire Protection, Emergency Response and Recreation Facilities Local Service Establishment Bylaw to include these properties.

RECOMMENDATION

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3. That Bylaw No. 4458 be referred to the Inspector of Municipalities for approval.

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ATTACHMENTS

Appendix A: Bylaw No. 4458

Appendix B: Certification of Petition Results