



REPORT

To: Chair and Directors

Report Number: CS-BRD-152

From: Sean Cairns, Protective Services Manager

Date: July 14, 2022

Subject: Mutual Aid Agreement Renewal – Charlie Lake & Taylor Fire Departments

RECOMMENDATION: [Corporate Weighted]

That the Regional Board authorize a fire service mutual aid agreement with the District of Taylor for mutual aid between the Charlie Lake Fire Department and Taylor Fire Department, for a five-year term from the date of execution with the option for automatic renewal at the end of the term; and further, that the Chair and Chief Administrative Officer be authorized to sign the agreement on behalf of the PRRD.

BACKGROUND/RATIONALE:

Mutual aid is an agreement between fire departments to provide support across jurisdictional boundaries in the event that a local fire department determines that its resources are insufficient to bring a fire or other emergency under control. In this case, the responding department may request assistance from another department, who, if available may provide an engine, tender or wildland unit plus personnel to assist.

The current five-year mutual aid agreement between the Charlie Lake Fire Department and the Taylor Fire Department expired on April 11, 2022. The renewed agreement includes the following amendments:

- Revised Fire Protection Area (FPA) boundary maps (capturing of the expansion of Charlie Lake FPA); and,
- A clause that will allow the agreement to automatically renew for successive five-year terms unless either of the parties gives notice to terminate the agreement.

ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS:

1. That the Regional Board provide further direction.

STRATEGIC PLAN RELEVANCE:

- ☒ Partnerships
 - ☒ Collaboration with Local and First Nations governments
- ☒ Responsive Service Delivery
 - ☒ Enhance Emergency Planning and Response Capacity

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATION(S):

In the event that a responding department utilizes consumables in excess of \$1,500, they may invoice the receiving department for the costs.

If the receiving department requests resources beyond primary mutual aid (e.g. additional fire apparatuses), the responding department may invoice the receiving department, as per the [British Columbia Inter-Agency Working Group Reimbursement Rates](#) for the current year.

COMMUNICATIONS CONSIDERATION(S):

None.

OTHER CONSIDERATION(S):

This agreement is one of five fire service mutual aid agreements that the PRRD is a party to.

Attachments:

1. Taylor-PRRD (Charlie Lake) Mutual Aid Agreement – 2022-2027