

POWELL RIVER REGIONAL DISTRICT

BYLAW NO. 509

Being a bylaw to provide for the operation of the Lasqueti Island Volunteer Fire Department.

WHEREAS the Powell River Regional District Board has by bylaw established a local service area within part of Electoral Area "E" of the Powell River Regional District;

The Board of the Powell River Regional District in open meeting assembled enacts as follows:

1. In this bylaw:

- "Apparatus"** means any vehicle provided with machinery, devices, equipment, or materials for fire fighting, rescue, or other incidents as well as vehicles used to transport firefighters or supplies;
- "Board"** means the Board of the Powell River Regional District;
- "Equipment"** means any tools, contrivances, devices, or materials used by the Fire Department to combat an incident or other emergency;
- "Fire Chief"** means the person appointed by the Chief Administrative Officer as head of the Fire Department;
- "Fire Protection"** means all aspects of fire safety including but not limited to fire prevention, fire fighting or suppression, pre-fire planning, fire investigation, public education and information, training or other staff development and advising;
- "Incident"** means a fire or a situation where a fire or explosion is imminent and includes assistance response circumstances described in Section 6 of this bylaw;
- "Fire Protection Area"** means the Lasqueti Fire Protection Area as outlined in heavy black in Schedule "A" to this bylaw;
- "Member"** means any person appointed by the Fire Chief, in accordance with Fire Department Policy, as a Member of the Fire Department and includes volunteer firefighters;

"Peace Officer" has the same meaning as peace officer under the Interpretation Act, but does not include bylaw enforcement officers of any municipality or regional district.

FIRE DEPARTMENT ESTABLISHED

2. The Fire Department known as the Lasqueti Island Volunteer Fire Department [LIVFD] is established and shall operate in accordance with the provisions of this bylaw.

APPOINTMENT OF FIRE CHIEF

3. The Fire Chief shall be appointed by the Chief Administrative Officer of the PRRD.

APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS

4.
 - a) The Fire Chief may appoint Members, in accordance with Fire Department Policy, and when appointed, the Member shall be a fire fighter of the Lasqueti Island Volunteer Fire Department.
 - b) The Fire Chief may appoint other Members to act as Officers of the Fire Department and shall assign responsibilities and duties to be carried out by each Officer position.
 - c) The Fire Chief may appoint other Officers of the Fire Department to act as Fire Chief on his/her behalf.

AUTHORITY OF FIRE CHIEF

5. The Fire Chief has complete responsibility and authority over the Fire Department, subject to the direction and guidance of Board policy, and in particular he/she may carry out, or direct Members to carry out, all fire protection activities, assistance response and such other activities as Board policy directs including, but not limited to:
 - a) first response to medical emergencies;
 - b) rescue operations;
 - c) basic response to hazardous material incidents with the intent to stabilize the scene and keep the public safe;
 - d) mutual aid and automatic aid to fire services including Ministry of Forests;
 - e) other public services as authorized by the Fire Chief.

The above mentioned services will be performed to within the limits of the fire department's training and equipment as established by Fire Department Policy and within the scope and extent of the most current Fire Department Operational Guidelines

JURISDICTION

6. The limits of the jurisdiction of the Fire Chief, and the Officers and Members of the Fire Department will extend to the boundary of the Fire Protection Area, and no Member nor part of the fire apparatus shall operate beyond the limits of the Fire Protection Area without:
 - a) the express authorization of a written contract or agreement entered into by the Regional Board providing for the supply of firefighting, rescue, or first responder services outside the Fire Protection Area boundary; or
 - b) in addition to any agreement to provide services beyond the boundary of the Fire Protection Area, at the discretion of the Fire Chief or Member in charge, the Fire Department may respond to requests for assistance beyond the boundary of the Fire Protection Area that are reasonably accessible and when the incident is considered to be a threat to persons or property within the Fire Protection Area. These responses shall be limited to:
 1. Fire suppression services
 2. Rescue services within the limits of the Fire Department's training and equipment
 3. Medical emergencies where BC Ambulance Service is unavailable, unduly delayed or unable to access the patient(s).

The above mentioned services will be performed to within the limits of the Fire Department's training and equipment and within the scope and extent of the most current Fire Department Policies and Operational Guidelines.

7. Subject to the approval of the Board, the Fire Chief, in consultation with Members and the Manager of Emergency Services, and the CAO, may establish rules, regulations, policies and committees necessary for the proper organization and administration of the Fire Department including but not limited to:
 - a) use, care and protection of Fire Department property;
 - b) the conduct and discipline of members of the Fire Department; and
 - c) efficient operation of the Fire Department.
8. The Fire Chief has the responsibility for ensuring that the items listed in Schedule "B" to this bylaw are included as regular administrative functions for the Fire Department.

9. The Fire Chief, or in his/her absence, the senior ranking Member present, shall have control, direction and management of all Fire Department Apparatus, Equipment and firefighters assigned to an Incident and, where a Member is in charge, they shall continue to act until relieved by a senior Member or Officer.
10. The Fire Chief shall take responsibility for all Fire Protection matters including the enforcement of the "Fire Services Act" and regulations thereunder and shall assume the responsibilities of the Local Assistant to the Fire Commissioner.
11. Members of the Fire Department shall carry out the duties and responsibilities assigned by the Fire Chief and the Fire Chief shall report to the PRRD Manager of Emergency Services on the operations of the Fire Department or on any other matter in the manner designated by the CAO.
12. The Fire Chief may obtain assistance from other officials as he deems necessary in order to discharge his/her duties and responsibilities under this bylaw.
13. The Fire Chief or the Member in charge of an Incident may request persons who are not Members to assist in whatever manner he considers necessary to deal with the Incident including removing furniture, goods and merchandise from any building on fire or in danger thereof and in guarding and securing same and in demolishing a building or structure at or near the fire or other Incident.
14. The Fire Chief or the Member in charge of an Incident is authorized to commandeer privately owned equipment which they consider necessary to deal with an Incident.
15. The Fire Chief or the Member in charge of an Incident may connect or order the connection of any Apparatus to any fire hydrant or other water source in the vicinity of the Incident and may operate any fire hydrant in the manner they consider necessary to deal with the Incident.

INSPECTIONS

16. The Fire Chief or any Member of the Fire Department authorized by the Fire Chief, may at any reasonable time enter any premises for the purposes of fire prevention inspections and it is an offence under this bylaw to obstruct such an inspection.

DESTRUCTION OF BUILDINGS

17. The Fire Chief, or any other member in charge at a fire is authorized to cause a building, structure, or thing to be pulled down, demolished, or otherwise removed if they deem it necessary to prevent the spread of fire to other buildings, structures or things.

AUTHORITY TO ENTER

18. The Fire Chief or any other member in charge at an Incident is authorized to enter premises or property where the Incident occurred and to cause any Member, apparatus, or equipment of the Fire Department to enter as they deem necessary, in order to combat, control, or deal with the Incident. The Fire Chief, or the member in charge at an Incident is authorized to enter, pass through or over, buildings or property adjacent to an Incident and to cause members, apparatus, or equipment of the Fire Department to enter or pass through or over, buildings or property where they deem it necessary to gain access to the Incident or to protect any person or property.

FIRE BOUNDARIES

19. The Fire Chief, or the Member in charge at an Incident may at their discretion establish boundaries or limits to keep persons from entering the area within the prescribed boundaries or limits unless authorized to enter by the Fire Chief or member.
20. No person shall enter the boundaries or the limits of an area prescribed in accordance with section 19 unless they have been authorized to enter by the Fire Chief or the Member in charge.
21. The Fire Chief, or the Member in charge at an Incident may request peace officers to enforce restrictions on persons entering within the boundaries or limits outlined in section 19.
22. No person at an Incident shall impede, obstruct, or hinder a member of the Fire Department or other person assisting or acting under the direction of the Fire Chief or the member in charge.
23. No person shall damage or destroy, or obstruct, impede or hinder the operation of any Fire Department Apparatus or Equipment.
24. No person at an Incident shall drive a vehicle over any Equipment without permission of the Fire Chief or the member in charge.
25. No person shall falsely represent themselves as a Fire Department Member.
26. No person shall obstruct or otherwise interfere with access roads or streets or other approaches to any emergency, incident, fire hydrant, cistern or body of water designated for fire fighting purposes.

PENALTIES

27. Every person who violates any of the provisions of this bylaw, or who suffers or permits any act or thing to be done in contravention or in violation of any of the provisions of this bylaw, or who neglects to do or refrains from doing anything required to be done by any of the provisions of this bylaw, or who does any act or thing or omits an act or thing thus violating any or the provisions in this bylaw shall be deemed to have committed an offence, and upon a summary conviction is liable to a penalty in accordance with the *Offence Act*.

REMUNERATION

28. The Board shall determine the remuneration of all Members of the Fire Department, by policy set from time to time.

SEVERABILITY

29. If any section, clause, sub-clause or phrase of this bylaw is for any reason held to be invalid by the decision of any court of competent jurisdiction, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this Bylaw.

TITLE

30. This bylaw may be cited for all purposes as "Lasqueti Volunteer Fire Department Operations Bylaw No. 509, 2016.

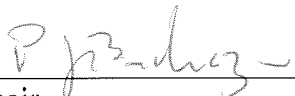
31. Lasqueti Island Volunteer Fire Department Operations Bylaw No. 391, 2005, is hereby repealed.

READ A FIRST TIME this 26th day of May, 2016.

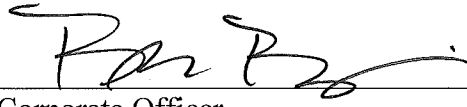
READ A SECOND TIME this 26th day of May, 2016.

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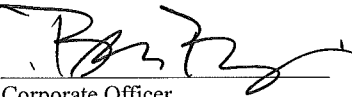


Chair



Corporate Officer

I hereby certify the above to be a true and correct copy of Bylaw No. 509 cited as the "Lasqueti Volunteer Fire Department Operations Bylaw No. 509, 2016" as ADOPTED by the Board of the Powell River Regional District at its meeting dated the 26th day of May, 2016.



Corporate Officer

Dated at Powell River, B.C. this 27th day of May, 2016.
Bylaw No. 509 – LIVFD Operations, 2016

SCHEDULE "A"

Map of Lasqueti Fire Protection Area

The map of the Lasqueti Island Fire Protection Area is the same as that for Bylaw No. 341 - Lasqueti Island Fire Protection Local Service Area Establishment

SCHEDULE "B"

FIRE DEPARTMENT ADMINISTRATIVE RESPONSIBILITIES

Administration

- Preparation of the general administrative duties of the Department.
- Preparation of the annual budget and 5-year financial plan of the Department for Board review.
- Development and maintenance of a long term capital expenditure program which addresses requirements for vehicles, equipment, apparatus and buildings.
- Purchase of goods and services authorized in the annual budget in accordance with Regional District purchasing policy.
- Appointment of members. Maintenance of current membership roster.
- Maintenance of personnel and attendance records.
- Maintenance of fire-loss records and maintenance of other records required by the Regional District.
- Preparation of the annual report of the Department.
- Investigations of fires to determine cause, origin and circumstances, and where appropriate, notify the authority having jurisdiction to conduct an investigation.
- Liaison with water system operators to ensure adequate maintenance of water works for the use of the Department.
- Development and maintenance of Operational Guidelines consistent with WorkSafeBC regulations.

Communications

- Maintenance of alarms and dispatch apparatus in proper working order.
- Maintenance of the communication systems of the Department.

Equipment and Apparatus

- Preparation of specifications for the purchase of apparatus and equipment as provided for in the annual budget.
- Maintenance of all buildings and fire-fighting, and rescue apparatus of the Department.
- Responsibility for recharging fire-fighting extinguishers and cylinders and for testing and repairing hose on regular basis.
- Provision to members of personal protective clothing and equipment to meet WorkSafeBC standards.

Training

- Training for all Department personnel in fire administration, fire prevention and fire fighting.
- Examinations of members as required by the Chief.