

The following is a consolidated copy of the Search and Rescue Grant-in-aid Service Conversion Bylaw and includes the following bylaws:

Bylaw No.	Bylaw Name	Adopted	Purpose
2985	Comox Valley Search and Rescue Grant-in-aid Service Conversion Bylaw No. 2985, 2007	April 26, 2024	To convert the search and rescue (grant-in-aid) function to a service and amend the service to include the Corporation of the City of Courtenay, the Town of Comox and the Village of Cumberland as participants.

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COMOX STRATHCONA REGIONAL DISTRICT

BYLAW NO. 2985

A bylaw to convert the search and rescue (grant-in-aid) function in Electoral Areas ‘A’, ‘B’ and ‘C’ including Electoral Area ‘K’ as authorized by supplementary letters patent to a Comox Valley search and rescue service that includes the City of Courtenay, the Town of Comox and the Village of Cumberland

WHEREAS the board of the Comox Strathcona Regional District may, by bylaw, under section 774.2(3) of the *Local Government Act* convert a service provided by the regional district in accordance with section 774.2(5) of the *Local Government Act* and by the same bylaw amend the power to the extent that it could if the power were in fact exercised under the authority of an establishing bylaw under the *Local Government Act* provided that the bylaw meets the requirements of section 800.1 and is adopted in accordance with section 802 of the *Local Government Act*;

AND WHEREAS the board was granted the powers of search and rescue (grant-in-aid) in Electoral Areas ‘A’ (Baynes Sound), ‘B’ (Lazo North) and ‘C’ (Puntledge – Black Creek) by way of supplementary letters patent issued on the 21st day of October 1982 and specifically including Electoral Area ‘K’ (Denman – Hornby Islands) by way of supplementary letters patent issued on the 9th day of September 1999;

AND WHEREAS the member municipalities of the Corporation of the City of Courtenay, the Town of Comox and the Village of Cumberland have historically contributed towards the search and rescue (grant-in-aid) function by way of a contractual arrangement;

AND WHEREAS the board wishes to convert the search and rescue (grant-in-aid) function to a service and amend the service to include the Corporation of the City of Courtenay, the Town of Comox and the Village of Cumberland as participants;

AND WHEREAS participating area approval has been obtained by writing from the directors of Electoral Areas ‘A’ (Baynes Sound), ‘B’ (Lazo North), ‘C’ (Puntledge – Black Creek) and ‘K’ (Denman – Hornby Islands) under section 801.5 of the *Local Government Act*;

AND WHEREAS pursuant to section 801.4 of the *Local Government Act* the councils of the Town of Comox, the Corporation of the City of Courtenay and the Village of Cumberland have consented to the adoption of this bylaw;

AND WHEREAS the approval of the inspector of municipalities has been obtained under section 801(1)(a) of the *Local Government Act*;

NOW THEREFORE the board of the Comox Strathcona Regional District in open meeting assembled enacts as follows:

Citation

1. This Bylaw No. 2985 may be cited for all purposes as “Comox Valley Search and Rescue Grant-in-aid Service Conversion Bylaw No. 2985, 2007”.

Service

2. The service established by this bylaw is the Comox Valley search and rescue grant-in-aid service to make grants-in-aid for the search and rescue coordination and assist in the acquisition of equipment required to carry out search and rescue work within the participating areas.

Boundaries

3. The boundaries of the service are coterminous with the boundaries of Electoral Areas ‘A’ (Baynes Sound), ‘B’ (Lazo North), ‘C’ (Puntledge – Black Creek) and ‘K’ (Denman – Hornby Islands) and the boundaries the Corporation of the City of Courtenay, the Town of Comox and the Village of Cumberland.

Participating Area

4. Electoral Areas ‘A’ (Baynes Sound), ‘B’ (Lazo North), ‘C’ (Puntledge – Black Creek) and ‘K’ (Denman – Hornby Islands), the Corporation of the City of Courtenay, the Town of Comox and the Village of Cumberland are the participating areas for the service.

Cost Recovery

5. As provided in section 803 of the *Local Government Act*, the annual cost of providing the service shall be recovered by one or more of the following:
 - (a) property value taxes;
 - (b) fees and charges;
 - (c) revenues raised by other means authorized by the *Local Government Act* or another act; and

- (d) revenues received by way of agreement, enterprises, gift, grant or otherwise.

Maximum requisition

- 6. In accordance with section 800.1(1)(e) of the *Local Government Act*, the maximum amount that may be requisitioned annually for the cost of the service is the amount that may be raised by a property value tax rate of three cents per one thousand dollars (\$0.03 per \$1,000) applied to the net taxable value of land and improvements for regional hospital district purposes.

Apportionment

- 7. The annual costs of the service shall be apportioned to each participant on the basis of the converted value of land and improvements for hospital purposes in those areas.

Service review

- 8. All aspects of the Comox Valley search and rescue grant-in-aid service shall be reviewed every five years, with the first review occurring in 2012.