



ALERT NEWSLETTER

May 2016

North Galiano Fire Protection Society
RR2 Site 44, C-47, Galiano, BC, V0N 1P0

EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING

Following reception of a requisition for a special meeting by a number of North Galiano Fire Protection Society members, the Directors of the Society are convening an Extraordinary General Meeting of the membership on

SUNDAY, JUNE 12, 2016

at 1:00 pm at the North Galiano Community Hall.

Details of the requisition overleaf.

All North Galiano residents and property owners invited;
memberships at the door.

THE ISSUES:

1. Need for the North Galiano Fire Department to comply with the requirements of the Office of the Fire Commissioner's Playbook by June 30. Training programs, personnel qualifications... etc.
2. Need for qualified replacement for Chief Tom Darby.
3. Discussions regarding potential impacts of a merger of the two Galiano Island Fire Departments.

The Commission, an agency of the CRD, is responsible for appointing the Fire Chief and for ensuring that the “operational, maintenance and regulatory functions of the department be performed in conformance with Regional District policy and government regulations.”

Commissioners have been working on these issues over the past few months, in consultation with the Fire Department and the CRD. Training and maintenance records have been updated, interviews conducted, and a protocol of discussions between North and South Galiano Fire Protection bodies initiated.

The Commission is working on solutions which will ensure the Department's compliance with the Playbook, maintain continuity of personnel and services, and take advantage of available expertise and opportunities. The issues raised in the requisition will be fully addressed at the meeting.

THE REQUISITION

This is the text of the requisition for an extraordinary general meeting.

NORTH GALIANO FIRE PROTECTION SOCIETY REQUISITION FOR AN EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING

We, the undersigned voting members of the North Galiano Fire Protection Society, hereby requisition the Society's directors to call an extraordinary general meeting of the Society's members, as provided for under the Society's By-law 3(d) and required of them under Part 6, Section 58 of the British Columbia Society Act.

The purposes of the meeting will be:

1. To hear from the directors what plans have been made for the merger of the North and South Galiano fire departments and the impacts such a merger is anticipated to have on the budget of the North Galiano Volunteer Fire Department., the assets of the Fire Protection Society and the taxpayers of North Galiano;
2. To receive and discuss a report from the Commissioners of the North Galiano Fire Protection and Emergency Services Commission ("the Commission") regarding any impending personnel changes in the North Galiano Volunteer Fire Department that may influence the outcome of the proposed merger;
3. To allow members and other North Galiano taxpayers and residents to question directors/commissioners and provide guidance that will help ensure any merger is in the best interest of North Galiano residents and taxpayers.
4. To consider whether any director of the North Galiano Fire Protection Society and member of the Commission is in a conflict of loyalty with regard to decisions relating to the proposed merger and should therefore be required to recuse himself from any such decisions.

11 signatures.

The North Galiano Fire Protection and Emergency Services Commission (NGFPC) is a local Southern Gulf Islands commission of the Capital Regional District responsible for overseeing the operations of the North Galiano Volunteer Fire Department and providing a base for Emergency Preparedness.

Commissioners are also directors of the NGFP Society, a non-profit offspring of the North Galiano Community Association. The Society holds title to the land leased by the CRD for the Firehall and provides “social and material support to the North Galiano Volunteer Fire Department and advice to the Commission.”

Application for 2016 Membership --North Galiano Fire Protection Society

* Donations of \$10 or more above the membership fee qualify for a charitable tax receipt *

Everyone over the age of 17 who is a full or part-time resident or property owner in North Galiano is eligible to join. Annual Membership Fee is \$5.00 per person except Fire Department Personnel and Board are complimentary.

Your name:

Mailing address:

Galiano Street address or lot number

Local phone #Other phone..... e-mail.....

Additional members' names

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Additional donation \$.....

Please make your cheque payable to NGFPSTotal amount: \$.....

I would like to find out about joining the fire department

I would like to know how I can help

Please mail to NGFPS Memberships, S44, C47, RR2; Galiano, BC, V0N 1P0