



ALERT NEWSLETTER

OCTOBER 2016

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

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

1:30 PM SUNDAY, 27 NOVEMBER 2016

NORTH GALIANO COMMUNITY HALL

ALL WELCOME !!!



Our New
Rapid Response Vehicle

a 2016 FORD 250 4X4
Crew Cab

Will reliably carry First Responders
and their equipment to the rescue.

SOCIETY ELECTIONS.

Directors of the Society are elected at the Annual General meeting. Terms are for two-years, staggered, so that there is continuity within the board.

Nominations are welcome before the AGM as well as from the floor. Current directors are:

Paul LeBlond (Chair), Sandy Moodie, Philip Buller (terms expiring next year); David Koster, Ben Mabberley, Roger Pettit (terms expiring this year) [the above are also members of the Commission], and Karen Harris (term expires next year), who is a director of the Society only.

The names of elected directors of the Society are submitted to the CRD's approval for memberships in the Commission, which has six local members plus the Southern Gulf Islands Electoral Area Director (David Howe).

The rules for membership of the Commission, as per CRD bylaw 3654, stipulate that:

Membership shall consist of seven (7) members as follows:

- a) The Director representing the Electoral Area;
- b) Six (6) individuals appointed by resolution of the Regional Board [of the CRD] and representing the Service Area [residents or property owners therein]. Only one member of the Volunteer Fire Department in the Service Area may be a member of the Commission. but none of the aforesaid Commission members shall be the fire chief or any officer.

Receipt of nominations would be appreciated before the AGM if possible in case there is a need to proceed to a vote by ballots.

ANNUAL REPORT 2016

The North Galiano Fire Protection and Emergency Services Commission and the North Galiano Fire Protection Society faced a number of complex issues in 2016, briefly outlined here.

Our dedicated long-serving Firechief, Tom Darby has retired but continues to serve on a month-by-month basis until we find a replacement. A search for a new Chief is under way and (as of mid-October) a number of qualified candidates have been identified.

Discussions regarding a possible merger of the two Galiano Fire departments have continued over the year and were the subject of an Extraordinary General Meeting in June. **A Request for Proposals for a Feasibility Study has been prepared; approval for funding (max. cost \$30,000) will be put forward at the AGM.**

The Fire Department has acquired a new Fast Response Vehicle, illustrated on the cover page. This truck is essential for reliable response to the majority of the calls, which are for First Responders.

Confusion about the administration by our First Responders of the naloxone protocol (a medical intervention reversing the effects of an overdose of opioids), prompted by corporate concerns at the CRD about liability coverage, was promptly resolved after information provided by the BC Emergency Health Services.

The Commission and the Fire Department have struggled over interpretations of the BC Fire Service Playbook, especially with regards to certification of training levels and over liability issues relating to performance of duties. Advice on these issues has been provided by the CRD staff.

Following his earlier promise and the sale of one of his properties, Richard Dewinetz donated \$50,000 to the North Galiano Fire Protection Society. The cheque was received with thanks at a brief meeting at the #1 Fire Hall on July 18th. Originally intended for help in the construction of the New Fire Hall, Richard generously agreed that the Society could use the funds towards other needs.

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.” Both the NGCA and the NGFP societies continue to be extremely supportive of our fire department and of the work of its volunteers in the service of the North Galiano Community.

Application for 2017 Membership --North Galiano Fire Protection Society

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

**Donations over \$25.00 qualify for complimentary family membership.

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