

REGIONAL DISTRICT OF NANAIMO

**BOARD MEETING
TUESDAY, MARCH 23, 2010**

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Armstrong, Jane

From: David Jones [djones9@telus.net]
Sent: March 18, 2010 10:59 AM
To: Armstrong, Jane
Subject: Re: Appearing as a Board Delegation - Mar 23rd RDN Board Meeting

Dear Jane:

Per our conversation this morning I am sending this request.

My name is David Jones of 1375
Dolly Varden Way, Qualicum Beach V9K 2V1, djones9@telus.net, 250-752-
9699.

I would like to speak at the March 23 RDN board meeting on behalf of the
Corcan Meadowood Residents Association.

**Subject: Creating a safe and healthy environment for Corcan
Meadowood Residents**

1. We believe that some of our tax dollars should be spent to create
a way for emergency health services to reach us in a reasonable amount of
time.

2. Our organization also believes that we receive a disproportionate tax bill for
recreation facilities
that are not close enough for our population to use regularly.

3. We see little evidence of money spent for community and regional parks in
our area, although we pay for Regional Park Operations and Community
Parks.

Thanks for your consideration
David Jones
Information Officer
Corcan Meadowood Residents association



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MEMORANDUM

TO: C. Mason
Chief Administrative Officer

DATE: March 18, 2010

FROM: N. Avery
General Manager, Finance & Information Services

SUBJECT: Request for financial support from Nanaimo Marine Rescue Society

PURPOSE:

To discuss alternatives with respect to the request for funding, from the Nanaimo Marine Rescue Society.

BACKGROUND:

At the Committee of the Whole Meeting held March 9th, the Nanaimo Marine Rescue Society sought support in the amount of \$25,000 from the Regional District of Nanaimo, as part of its efforts to purchase an enclosed rescue boat. The estimated cost of the boat, its' commissioning and equipment is \$509,000. Since 2006, the Society has secured, through Gaming grants and other fundraising efforts, approximately \$432,340 leaving a shortfall of about \$77,000. The Society advised that they would be approaching the City of Nanaimo and the Nanaimo Port Authority for equivalent amounts to close the funding gap by \$75,000.

The member jurisdictions in District 68 have established a service called the Search & Rescue Contribution Service which has as its purpose, "providing a contribution to persons providing search and rescue in the Service Area". At this time, the Search & Rescue Contribution Service raises \$27,000 annually to support a facility lease for the Nanaimo Search & Rescue Society. This service does not have the financial capacity to provide a further \$25,000 for this particular request, therefore staff have reviewed the request following the guidelines of our Grant-In-Aid policy for requests exceeding \$5,000.

This request is for a contribution to the capital costs of equipment and meets the purpose requirements of the Grant-In-Aid policy. The second consideration is whether the request falls within the objectives of programs or services provided by the Regional District of Nanaimo. The establishment of the Search & Rescue Contribution Service demonstrates that the Regional District wishes to support volunteers who provide search & rescue services.

The Regional District's General Grants-in-Aid program raises \$42,500 annually. Approximately \$4,870 is held for grants within the District 68 Electoral Areas and \$18,000 is held for grants within District 69 (Parksville, Qualicum Beach, Electoral Areas E, F, G and H). The remainder of the funds, are returned directly to the City of Nanaimo and the District of Lantzville to be distributed by them for initiatives with a municipal focus.

The Regional District has to date provided grants in aid totaling \$9,725 (2003 to 2008) to the Lighthouse Country Marine Rescue Society, which operates from Deep Bay in Electoral Area H and whose main area of response is from Qualicum Bay to Union Bay in the Comox Valley Regional District. The main area of

response for the Nanaimo Marine Rescue Society is from Nanoose Bay to near Ladysmith in the Cowichan Valley Regional District, as indicated in information attached to this report. In 2009 the Nanaimo Marine Rescue Society responded to 94 incidents in this geographic area.

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Provide a one time grant in the amount of \$25,000 to the Nanaimo Marine Rescue Society to be funded by the member jurisdictions in District 68.
2. Provide a one time grant in the amount of \$25,000 to the Nanaimo Marine Rescue Society to be funded by the member jurisdictions in District 68 and Electoral Area E.
3. Do not provide a grant at this time.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

Alternatives 1 and 2

Grants in aid, when shared among participants must be apportioned on the basis of assessments. Under either Alternative 1 or Alternative 2, the tax rate is estimated at \$0.10 cents per \$100,000 of assessment. The table below indicates the share of this grant in aid.

	Alternative 1	Alternative 2
Nanaimo	\$19,600	\$17,910
Lantzville	970	890
Area A	1,545	1,410
Area B	1,635	1,490
Area C	1,250	1,145
Area E		2,155
Total	\$25,000	\$25,000

SUSTAINABILITY IMPLICATIONS:

There are a number of services falling within the realm of a local government's mandate which are carried out by volunteers. The public safety role which is primarily evidenced by volunteer fire departments, search & rescue and emergency social service organizations are examples. Supporting these services improves the well being of residents who seek to enjoy wilderness recreational areas and our marine environment.

SUMMARY/CONCLUSIONS:

The Nanaimo Marine Rescue Society has approached the Regional District of Nanaimo with a request for financial support for the purchase of an enclosed rescue boat, in the amount of \$25,000. The Society has raised over \$432,000 to date for this purchase which is estimated at \$509,000, and hopes to combine Regional District support with similar amounts they will request from the City of Nanaimo and the Nanaimo Port Authority to complete the purchase. The Society's primary response area covers the Georgia Strait between Nanoose Bay and Ladysmith, in the Cowichan Valley Regional District.

In 2009 the members of District 68 established a contribution service for search & rescue organizations, but the requisition is currently used to support a building lease for the Nanaimo Search & Rescue Society. This contribution request does meet the criteria for a grant in aid and the table above outlines the

allocation of the grant under two alternatives. Under the first alternative, the District 68 members would be the contributing group and under Alternative 2, Electoral Area E would be included. In either case, the estimated cost is \$0.10 per \$100,000 of assessment. Should the Board support this request, staff recommend the funding be provided from the member jurisdictions in District 68 and Electoral Area E. Staff further suggest, that given the response area coverage and some incident response within the Cowichan Valley Regional District boundaries, that the Society be encouraged to approach the Cowichan Valley Regional District for financial support.

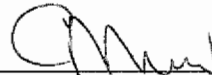
RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. That \$25,000 as assistance for the purchase of an enclosed rescue boat for the Nanaimo Marine Rescue Society be approved and that the funding be shared among the City of Nanaimo, District of Lantzville and Electoral Areas A, B, C and E through the RDN Grants-in-Aid function.
2. That the 2010 Grants-in-Aid budget be adjusted as presented.
3. That the Nanaimo Marine Rescue Society be encouraged to approach the Cowichan Valley Regional District for similar financial support.

Report Writer



CAO concurrence



Canadian Coast Guard Auxiliary- Pacific Region
CCGA Unit 27 and Nanaimo Marine Rescue Society

CCGA-Pacific Region → CCGA Unit 27 Nanaimo → Nanaimo Marine Rescue Society

CCGA Unit 27 Nanaimo is one of the 55 Units that form part of the **CCGA- Pacific Region**. The CCGA-P is an integral part of the Volunteer Canadian Coast Guard Auxiliary and the Canadian Search and Rescue (SAR) system. CCGA-P's Mission is to provide a volunteer marine rescue service and to promote public Boating Safety throughout the Pacific Region.

CCGA Unit 27 Nanaimo is a volunteer marine search and rescue resource which is available 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. Its volunteers are willing and ready to risk their lives to help anyone in distress on the water and they meet this challenge with professionalism and a high level of training. In addition to providing effective and efficient response to marine emergencies, Unit 27 promotes safe boating in the community through participation in community events, public education and boating safety programs.

The Nanaimo Marine Rescue Society is the supporting Society for CCGA Unit 27. The NMRS is a non-profit Society formed in August 1998, created to assist with fundraising activities and to act as the legal entity responsible for the ongoing operation of CCGA Unit 27.

The NMRS relies on support and donations from the community, local businesses and individuals. Without this support, the volunteers would not be able to provide safe and effective marine emergency response services. Funds raised have been used to cover capital expenses such as the Rescue Station boathouse, the vessels, engines and electronic navigation equipment. Funding from the community also covers the cost of a very active training schedule, search and rescue equipment, safety gear for the volunteer crews, and many of the Unit's operating expenses.

Projected Budget for New Vessel Acquisition

Anticipated Construction Date: Spring 2010

Revenue Carried Forward¹: \$395,344.38

Total Revenue: \$395,344.38

Expected Revenue:

Nanaimo Community Foundation Donation² \$25,000.00

Beer and Burger \$3,000.00

Corporate Solicitation and miscellaneous donations \$4,000.00

Nanaimo Yacht Club Annual Donation \$5,000.00

Total Revenue: \$37,000.00

Expenses:

Projected cost of new vessel \$ 475,942.00

Commissioning of new vessel \$ 10,000.00

Specialized Search and Rescue Equipment⁴ \$ 23,904.00

Total Expenses: \$ 509,846.00

Projected Net Surplus/Deficit: (77,501.62)

Approved By: John Ortynsky
President NMRS

¹ Revenue carried forward includes Gaming money, donations, fundraising, etc. from 2006 forward

² Received letter of intent for this donation in this fiscal year

³ Includes lines, fenders, charts, life rings, flares, anchors etc.

⁴ Includes stretchers, first aid supplies, personal crew safety equipment, fire pumps, night vision aids etc.

Projected General Operating Budget: Nanaimo Marine Rescue Society for fiscal 2010,
January 1st 2010- December 31st 2010

Revenue:

Canadian Coast Guard Distributions	\$	30,000.00
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Total Revenue:	\$	30,000.00
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Expenses:

Office Costs, telephone and Misc. supplies	\$	8,000.00
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Professional Fees- Accountant preparation of financial statements	\$	1,500.00
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Insurance		2000,00
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Fuel	\$	9,500.00
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Repairs, Replacement and Maintenance	\$	11,000.00
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Total Expenses:	\$	30,000.00
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Projected Net Surplus/Deficit:		0.00
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Approved By: John Ortynsky
President NMRS