



### **Council Member Motion**

For the Governance and Priorities Committee meeting of October 8, 2015

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**Date:** September 20, 2015

**From:** Mayor Helps

**Subject:** Fire Services Mutual Aid Agreement Renewal

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### **Recommendation**

That Council direct staff to work collaboratively with the signatories to the 1980 Fire Mutual Aid Agreement to develop a Project Charter and Terms of Reference for the four communities to develop a new core Fire Services Agreement between The District of Saanich, The Township of Esquimalt, The City of Victoria and the District of Oak Bay in order to continue to work collaboratively with all fire services to explore and develop projects and agreements that maintain cost control or improve service delivery.

### **Summary**

In June 2015, Council directed the mayor to meet with the mayors of Oak Bay, Esquimalt and Saanich with regard to the 1980 Mutual Aid Agreement between the Fire Departments of the four municipalities. The aim was to begin a conversation about modernizing the relationship among the municipalities and to take the first steps necessary to develop a new mutual aid agreement.

The four mayors met in early September and co-drafted the recommendation here. Each Mayor will bring the recommendation to her/his Council in late September or early October with the hopes that staff in all four municipalities can work together as outlined in the recommendation and for the purposes contained therein.

**Respectfully Submitted,**

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "M. Helps".

Mayor Helps