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Sointula Virtual Meeting

Discuss funding for the Sointula Volunteer Fire Department

Wednesday, October 28, 2020 at 7:00 PM

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86065357928?pwd=UHI0a09jbUpjNytwQlVuUjRCYTVPUT09>

Meeting ID: 860 6535 7928

Passcode: 509526

When you join the meeting, you will be placed in a "Waiting Room" until the Host (RDMW) admits you to the meeting. We ask that you leave your microphone muted and submit questions by using the Zoom Chat Box.

The Sointula Volunteer Fire Department needs to have its current tax cap increased significantly to meet its operational and capital needs. Demands of the fire department include:

- To meet WorkSafe BC standards means that turnout gear needs to be replaced every 10 years at over \$3,000 per member
- To meet BC Fire Commissioner training standards, more funds are needed for courses to be taken and skills to be maintained
- In ten years, the department will be needing to replace its pumper truck at an estimated cost of \$590,000
- Critical equipment such as air packs will need replacing/upgrading in the next decade

The current tax cap for funding the fire department is \$41,000/year and was set back in 2004. This level of funding could cover the operational costs, but leaves very little to save for a new truck. It has no ability to increase as costs rise due to inflation.

The Virtual Community Meeting will explain what the fire department is doing now, its plans, and what funding is required. The meeting will also explain what options are available to fix the funding challenge.

The meeting will be video recorded with a link placed on the RDMW website. If you have any questions, please use the Chat Box in Zoom, or email the Operations Manager at: pdonaghy@rdmw.bc.ca or info@rdmw.bc.ca



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ELECTORAL AREAS: "A" (BROUGHTON ARCHIPELAGO, SOINTULA / MALCOLM ISLAND, MAINLAND); "B" (COAL HARBOUR, HOLBERG, QUATSINO, WINTER HARBOUR);
"C" (FORT RUPERT, HYDE CREEK, TSULQUATE); "D" (CORMORANT ISLAND, TELEGRAPH COVE, WOSS)