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## CITY OF KELOWNA FIRE DEPARTMENT

# MEMORANDUM

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**Date:** June 17, 2004  
**File No.:** 7201-30  
**To:** RON BORN, CITY MANAGER  
**From:** FIRE CHIEF  
**Subject:** WESTSIDE LADDER AGREEMENT

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### **Recommendation:**

That the City of Kelowna enters into an agreement with the Westside Fire Protection District for the use of Kelowna Fire Department's 100' ladder truck, at the cost of \$17,749 per year (amended annually), plus costs of operation.

### **Background:**

Approximately three years ago Kelowna Fire Department recognized that the use of specialized equipment, (i.e. ladder trucks) for the use by neighbouring fire districts, as per the Mutual Aid agreement, was inappropriate. The reason being is that the intent of Mutual Aid is to provide equipment on a reciprocal basis. Since none of the neighbouring municipalities could provide aerial equipment, it was determined that the Kelowna Fire Department should enter into discussion with these areas (District of Lake Country, Westside Fire Protection District, District of Peachland) to determine an appropriate fee structure and also to have aerial equipment removed from the Mutual Aid agreement. To date we have been unable to negotiate an agreement with the District of Lake Country.

However the District of Peachland and the Westside Fire Protection District has agreed to enter into an agreement with the City of Kelowna based on the following:

- (1) The percentage of use based on assessed values of those buildings where this equipment would likely be used, would be 77.37% for Kelowna, 19.89% for Westside and 2.74% for Peachland.
- (2) After breaking down the total capital and operating costs of the ladder truck on a yearly basis, which comes to \$89,235 – Westside's share would be \$17,749 for the year 2004.
- (3) Actual costs of operation when the vehicle is used by Westside would be \$260 per hour with a two hour minimum.

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CC: R. Mattiussi, Director Planning & Development