

North Island 9-1-1 Corporation

- serving the Regional Districts of Alberni-Clayoquot, Comox Valley,
Mt. Waddington, Nanaimo (School District #69), Powell River, and Strathcona -

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North Island 9-1-1 Corporation adopts 2016 budget

Courtenay, BC - North Island 9-1-1 Corporation (NI911), the regional emergency communications service provider on northern Vancouver Island and in the Powell River area, has adopted a 2016 operating budget of \$2.5 million, and approved capital equipment expenditures of \$180,000 funded from reserves.

The operating budget is used to pay for the agreement with E-Comm to provide initial call answering for 9-1-1 calls to over 230,000 residents and the contract with the City of Campbell River to deliver fire dispatch to 50 fire departments covering a geographic area of approximately 60,000 square kilometres.

“Having a unified 9-1-1 service within our vast geographical area is a significant shared service,” explains North Island 9-1-1 Board President Larry Samson. “The health and safety of all our residents and visitors is of utmost importance.”

The North Island 911 Corporation provides an emergency communication link between our citizens and visitors and the emergency responders serving our geographic area. In 2015, there were over 64,000 9-1-1 calls for the area.

For information on the North Island 9-1-1 Corporation, and other important things to remember when calling in an emergency, visit the website at www.nisl911.bc.ca/.

The North Island 911 Corporation was established on January 5, 1995 to provide and manage emergency 911 services to the Comox Valley Regional District, the Strathcona Regional District and the Regional Districts of Mt. Waddington and Alberni-Clayoquot and a portion (School District No. 69) of the Nanaimo Regional District. The Powell River Regional District (excluding Lasqueti Island) joined the service in 1999.

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