

## **SWIFTSURE DONATION COMMITTEE**

This document defines the mandate, membership and resources of this committee of the Westcoast Amateur Radio Association.

### **Background**

The Swiftsure International Yacht Race donated \$10,000 to the WARA Tower Fund in 2007. The Swiftsure Steering Committee was aware that other organisations besides WARA make up that community and, as it made its donation, requested that WARA work with the municipal emergency programs, providing funding as necessary, to establish an internet connection at the Swiftsure races' Sombrio radio station in 2008 and subsequent years.

WARA still has an immediate and pressing need for funds to replace its tower on Mt. MacDonald. However, WARA believes that Swiftsure is aware of the enduring and significant support it has received from the entire amateur radio community over the years and would be pleased to see some portion of its pledge spent to the benefit not just of WARA but of the municipal emergency programs (CRERCC), the Base Amateur Radio Service (BARS) and the Capital Region amateur radio community as a whole.

To that end, WARA resolved in October 2008 to:

- Spending a significant proportion of the Swiftsure donation on equipment and services that benefit the Capital Region amateur radio community as a whole; and
- To form a committee consisting of one nominee from each of WARA, CRERCC, BARS and Swiftsure to advise WARA what that equipment or those services should be.

### **Mandate**

This committee is to provide written recommendations as to:

1. The equipment or services that should be funded from the Swiftsure donation; and
2. The ways and means by which the recommended equipment or services would be managed and funded in future years.



The committee is to consult widely throughout the Capital Region amateur radio community and it is make its report available on WARA's website no later than 28 February 2009.

In considering options for equipment and services, the committee should consider: their utility to municipal emergency communications; their utility to Swiftsure; their ongoing technical and economical viability; and their contribution toward to building alliances within Capital Region amateur radio community.

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