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**Conclusion!**

Based on the analysis, MLW is the recommended auditor for the Salt Spring Island Fire Protection District. MLW offers a more budget friendly option although they have limited experience compared with MNP. The MLW proposal satisfies all criteria requested in the RFP for approximately 20% less fees when compared to the MNP fee proposal. MLW's extensive experience with the fire district, location on Salt Spring Island and commitment to completing the audit within 120 days make them the best fit for the District's needs. Selecting MLW would provide the Salt Spring Island Fire Protection District with the expertise and timeliness required for a thorough and compliant audit, ensuring financial transparency and regulatory adherence.!

**Recommendation!**

That the Salt Spring Island Fire Protection District appoint McLean, Lizotte, Wheadon and Company Chartered Professional Accountants to be the auditor for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2024.!

Respectfully,!

Rodney Dieleman!  
Corporate Administrator!