

# REGIONAL DISTRICT OF NANAIMO

## BYLAW NO. 1556

### A BYLAW TO ESTABLISH A DRINKING WATER AND WATERSHED PROTECTION SERVICE

WHEREAS under section 796 of the *Local Government Act* a Regional District may operate any service the Board considers necessary or desirable for all or part of the Regional District;

AND WHEREAS the Board of the Regional District of Nanaimo wishes to establish a service for the purpose of the protection of sources of drinking water and watersheds within the electoral areas;

AND WHEREAS the approval of the Inspector of Municipalities has been obtained under section 801 of the *Local Government Act*;

AND WHEREAS the approval of the electors in the participating areas has been obtained under section 801.2 of the *Local Government Act*;

NOW THEREFORE the Board of the Regional District of Nanaimo in open meeting assembled enacts as follows:

#### 1. **Service**

The service established by this bylaw is the Drinking Water and Watershed Protection Service (the “Service”) for the following purposes in the Service Area:

- (a) increase the level of knowledge regarding drinking water sources to support the long-term sustainability of the water resource;
- (b) coordinate efforts of provincial and local governments and non-governmental organizations with respect to drinking water source protection;
- (c) increase the level of public awareness regarding drinking water and watershed protection requirements and strategies.

#### 2. **Participating Areas**

The Participating Areas for the Service are Electoral Areas ‘A’, ‘B’, ‘C’, ‘E’, ‘F’, ‘G’ and ‘H’.

#### 3. **Boundaries**

The boundaries of the Service Area are coterminous with the boundaries of Electoral Areas ‘A’, ‘B’, ‘C’, ‘E’, ‘F’, ‘G’ and ‘H’ (the “Service Area”).

4. **Cost Recovery**

As provided in section 803 of the *Local Government Act*, the annual cost of providing the Service shall be recovered by one or more of the following:

- (a) parcel taxes imposed in accordance with Division 4.3 of Part 24 of the *Local Government Act*;
- (b) revenues raised by other means authorized by the *Local Government Act* or another Act;
- (c) revenues received by way of agreement, enterprise, gift, grant or otherwise.

5. **Maximum Requisitions**

In accordance with section 800.1(1)(e) of the *Local Government Act*, the maximum amount that may be requisitioned for the cost of the Service is the greater of:

- (a) Five Hundred and Twenty-two Thousand Dollars (\$522,000.00), or;
- (b) the amount obtained by multiplying the rate of \$0.0674 per thousand dollars times the net taxable value of land and improvements in the Service Area.

6. **Citation**

This bylaw may be cited for all purposes as the “Drinking Water and Watershed Protection Service Establishing Bylaw No. 1556, 2008”.

Introduced and read three times this 26th day of August, 2008.

Received the approval of the Inspector of Municipalities this 11th day of September, 2008.

Assented to by the electors this 15th day of November, 2008.

Adopted this 25th day of November, 2008.

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CHAIRPERSON

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SR. MGR., CORPORATE ADMINISTRATION