

REGIONAL DISTRICT OF OKANAGAN-SIMILKAMEEN

BYLAW NO. 2690, 2016

A bylaw to establish an Environmental Conservation Service

WHEREAS a Regional District may, by bylaw, establish and operate a service under the provisions of the *Local Government Act*;

AND WHEREAS the Board of the Regional District of Okanagan-Similkameen wishes to establish a service for the purpose of creating an Environmental Conservation Service in the Regional District of Okanagan-Similkameen;

AND WHEREAS the Board of Directors resolved by a 2/3 vote that participating area approval be obtained for the entire proposed service area;

AND WHEREAS approval of the Electors has been obtained for the entire service area by the alternative approval process, in accordance with the *Local Government Act*;

NOW THEREFORE the Board of the Regional District of Okanagan-Similkameen, in open meeting assembled, enacts as follows:

1. CITATION

- 1.1 This Bylaw may be cited as the “Regional District of Okanagan-Similkameen Environmental Conservation Service Establishment Bylaw No. 2690, 2016”.

2. ESTABLISHMENT OF THE SERVICE

- 2.1 The Service established by this bylaw is for the purpose of establishing an Environmental Conservation Service in the Regional District of Okanagan-Similkameen for the purpose of undertaking and administering activities, projects, and works that will include, but is not limited to, water, environment, wildlife, land, habitat conservation efforts to protect natural areas within the Regional District of Okanagan-Similkameen.

3. BOUNDARIES OF THE SERVICE AREA

- 3.1 The boundaries of the service area are the boundaries of Electoral Areas “A”, “C”, “D”, “E”, “F”, the City of Penticton, District of Summerland, and the Town of Oliver.

4. PARTICIPATING AREA

- 4.1 The participating areas are Electoral Areas “A”, “C”, “D”, “E”, “F”, the City of Penticton, District of Summerland, and the Town of Oliver.

5. SERVICE PROVISION

- 5.1 The Board of Directors may enter into an agreement for the administration of the Environmental Conservation service.

6. COST RECOVERY

- 6.1 As provided in the *Local Government Act*, the annual costs of the Service shall be recovered by one or more of the following:
- (a) property value taxes imposed in accordance with Division 3 [*Requisition and Tax Collection*];
 - (b) subject to subsection (2) of section 378, parcel taxes imposed in accordance with Division 3;
 - (c) fees and charges imposed under section 397 [*imposition of fees and charges*];
 - (d) revenues raised by other means authorized under this or another Act;
 - (e) revenues received by way of agreement, enterprise, gift, grant or otherwise.

7. LIMIT

- 7.1 The annual maximum amount that may be requisitioned for the cost of the service shall not exceed the greater of \$450,000 or \$0.0372 per thousand dollars of net taxable value of land and improvements in the service area.

READ A FIRST, SECOND AND THIRD TIME this 7th day of July, 2016.

THIRD READING RESCINDED this 1st day of September, 2016

THIRD READING RE-READ AS AMENDED this 1st day of September 2016

APPROVED BY THE INSPECTOR OF MUNICIPALITIES this 11th day of October, 2016.

RECEIVED APPROVAL OF THE ELECTORATE THROUGH AN ALTERNATIVE APPROVAL PROCESS this ___ day of ___, 201__.

ADOPTED this ___ day of ___, 201__.

RDOS Board Chair

Corporate Officer