



BYLAW NO. 321

A BYLAW TO ESTABLISH A SERVICE FOR PROVIDING BROADBAND INFRASTRUCTURE THROUGHOUT THE STRATHCONA REGIONAL DISTRICT

WHEREAS the Regional District may, pursuant to the *Local Government Act*, operate any service that it considers necessary or desirable for all or part of the Regional District;

AND WHEREAS the Regional Board wishes to establish a service for providing broadband infrastructure for communities within the Regional District;

AND WHEREAS participating area approval has been obtained in accordance with the *Local Government Act*;

NOW THEREFORE the Board of Directors of the Strathcona Regional District, in open meeting assembled, enacts as follows:

Service Established

1. There is hereby established a service to be known as the regional broadband infrastructure service.

Definition

2. In this bylaw, unless the context otherwise requires, "**broadband infrastructure**" means infrastructure that supports or enables access to high-speed internet and other communication or telecommunication networks.

Service Described

3. The service hereby established includes the design, development, construction, operation and maintenance of broadband infrastructure within the service area.

Service Area Boundaries

4. The boundaries of the service area include the entirety of the Strathcona Regional District.

Participating Areas

5. The participating areas for the service are the City of Campbell River, Village of Gold River, Village of Sayward, Village of Tahsis, Village of Zeballos, Electoral Area A (Kyuquot/Nootka-Sayward), Electoral Area B (Cortes Island), Electoral Area C (Discovery Islands-Mainland Inlets) and Electoral Area D (Oyster Bay-Buttle Lake).

Cost Recovery

- 6. The annual cost of operating the service shall be recovered by one or more of the following methods:
 - (a) property value taxes imposed in accordance with Division 4.3 of Part 24 of the *Local Government Act*;
 - (b) revenues received by way of agreement, enterprise, gift, grant or otherwise;
 - (c) revenues raised by other means authorized by the *Local Government Act* or another Act.

Limit on Requisition

- 7. The maximum amount that may be requisitioned annually for the service is the equivalent of \$0.25 per 1,000 of the net taxable value of land and improvements in the service area.

Apportionment of Costs

- 8. The annual net costs of the service shall be apportioned to the participating areas on the basis of the converted value of land and improvements for hospital district purposes.

Citation

- 9. This bylaw may be cited for all purposes as Bylaw No. 321, being Regional Broadband Infrastructure Service Establishing Bylaw 2018.

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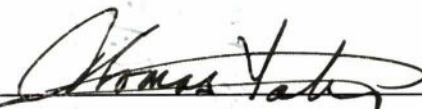
APPROVED BY THE INSPECTOR OF MUNICIPALITIES ON THE 12TH DAY OF JULY, 2018

APPROVAL OF THE ELECTORS RECEIVED ON THE 5TH DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2018

RECONSIDERED, FINALLY PASSED AND ADOPTED ON THE 19TH DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2018



V/ Chair



Corporate Officer