



BYLAW NO. 651

A BYLAW TO ESTABLISH A SERVICE FOR SUPPORTING SENIOR CITIZENS WITHIN ELECTORAL AREA B (CORTES ISLAND)

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 to support programs and initiatives that serve the interests of seniors within Electoral Area B (Cortes Island);

AND WHEREAS the assent of the electors has been obtained in accordance with Division 4 of Part 10 of 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 senior citizen support service.

Definitions

2. In this bylaw, unless the context otherwise requires:

“senior” or “senior citizen” means a person who is a resident of Cortes Island and at least 65 years of age.

“organization” means a society, institute, foundation or other similar entity that is incorporated under the laws of British Columbia.

Service Described

3. The service hereby established includes the provision of financial support to organizations that provide services or programs to senior citizens including:
 - a) recreation, arts, cultural, and social connection activities;
 - b) wellness and healthy aging initiatives;
 - c) food security and meal support programs;
 - d) volunteer and peer support initiatives;
 - e) accessibility and aging-in-place supports;

- f) outreach, navigation, and community connection services;
- g) intergenerational and community-building activities;
- h) deathcare, end-of-life support, grieving support, and compassionate community initiatives;
- i) emergency preparedness and resilience initiatives;
- j) staffing, coordination, administration, training, and operational capacity related to senior citizen well-being;
- k) capacity building within organizations that support, engage, or provide services benefiting senior citizens, caregivers, families, or the broader community;
- l) collaborative community initiatives, pilot projects and emerging community needs related to senior citizens' well-being; and
- m) transportation and accessibility supports.

Participating Areas

4. The participating area for the service is Electoral Area B (Cortes Island).

Service Area Boundaries

5. The boundaries of the service area include the entirety of Electoral Area B (Cortes Island).

Cost Recovery

6. The annual cost of the service shall be recovered by one or more of the following methods:
- (a) property value taxes imposed in accordance with Division 2 of Part 11 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.

Annual Limit on Requisition

7. The maximum amount that may be requisitioned annually for the service is the equivalent of \$0.054 per 1,000 of the net taxable value of land and improvements in the service area.

Citation

8. This bylaw may be cited for all purposes as Bylaw No. 651, being Seniors Support Service Establishing Bylaw 2026.

READ A FIRST TIME ON THE 24TH DAY OF JUNE, 2026

READ A SECOND TIME ON THE 24TH DAY OF JUNE, 2026

READ A THIRD TIME ON THE 24TH DAY OF JUNE, 2026

APPROVED BY THE INSPECTOR OF MUNICIPALITIES ON THE DAY OF , 2026

APPROVAL OF THE ELECTORS RECEIVED ON THE DAY OF , 2026

RECONSIDERED, FINALLY PASSED AND ADOPTED ON THE DAY OF , 2026

Chair

Corporate Officer