



## REQUEST FOR DECISION

**To:** Curtis Slingerland, CAO

**CC:** Board of Directors, CCRD

**From:** Yene Byun, Finance Manager and Ken McIlwain, Operations Manager

**Meeting Date:** February 10, 2022

**Subject:** Bylaw 510 - Fire Tolls and Charges for non-taxable properties in Hagensborg and Bella Coola Town Site

### Recommendation:

**THAT Central Coast Regional District Bella Coola and Hagensborg Fire Protection Tolls Bylaw No. 510, 2022 be adopted.**

### Issue/Background Summary:

Both the Central Coast Regional District ("CCRD"), for the Bella Coola town site local fire protection service area, and the previous Hagensborg Waterworks and Fire Protection District (now a new service of the regional district) have bylaws for fixing charges and service tolls to properties/owners which are exempt from paying property taxes under provincial and federal legislation.

At the Board meeting held on November 18, the following resolution was carried:

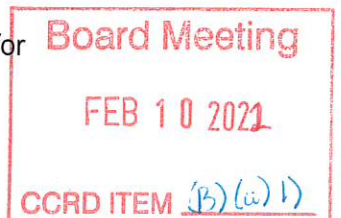
***THAT the Board of Directors of the Central Coast Regional District request administration to present bylaws for Hagensborg and town site fire tolls as follows:***

- 1. By using a rate per \$1,000 of assessed value of land and improvements in order to standardize the billing method for both service areas; and***
- 2. That all non-taxable properties within the boundaries of each service area be subject to the fire protection charges based on assessed value of land and improvements with the exception of churches and societies which will be billed a nominal flat annual fee.***

Staff presented the CCRD Board with a report and draft Bylaw 510 at the December 9, 2021 Regular Board meeting. Proposed Bylaw 510 was introduced and given three readings at this meeting.

### Policy, Bylaw or Legislation:

Please see December 9, 2021 Board meeting agenda package for the Request for Decision report to the CCRD Board.



**Financial/Budgetary Implications:**

Financial implications are as follows:

<b>2021 actual</b>	<b>Bella Coola</b>	<b>Hagensborg</b>
Total Tax Levy	\$34,385	\$89,750
User fees / charges	\$3,475	\$18,658
<b>Total revenue from these sources (actual 2021)</b>	<b>\$37,860</b>	<b>\$108,408</b>
<b>2022 projected</b>		
Tax Levy	\$35,760 (Note 1)	\$88,833 (Note 4)
User fees / charges - \$1.75/1,000 + flat rate	\$16,712 (Note 2)	\$23,912 (Note 2)
<b>Total revenue from these sources (estimate 2022)</b>	<b>\$52,472 (Note 3)</b>	<b>\$112,745 (Note 5)</b>

**Options to Consider:**

- (1) The board may take the option to not change or standardize the method used by the two services areas and instead keep with past practice. This would mean that the Hagensborg Fire Protection area would continue to use a rate per \$1,000 of assessed value and the Bella Coola town site would continue to use a flat rate. Churches and societies in Hagensborg could continue to be exempt from the charges while churches and societies in the Bella Coola town site could continue to be charged.
- (2) The board may elect to change the rates in Schedule A of Bylaw 510.

**Risk Management – Refer to Policy A-36:**

Please see December 9, 2021 Board meeting agenda package for the Request for Decision report to the CCRD Board.

Submitted by: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Yene Byun, Finance Manager                      Ken McIlwain, Operations Manager

Reviewed/Approved by:   
 Curtis Slingerland, Chief Administrative Officer

**Central Coast Regional District  
Bylaw No. 510**

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A bylaw to establish the Fire Protection Service Tolls payable to the Central Coast Regional District for properties not subject to property taxation by legislation.

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WHEREAS the Board of Directors of the Central Coast Regional District has established by Bylaw No. 175 and Bylaw No. 502 fire protection service areas with provision for property taxation in support of this service;

WHEREAS there are properties within the service areas which benefit from the service, but which are not subject to property taxation;

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

1. This bylaw is applicable to those properties not subject to property taxation and which are situated within the boundaries of the Bella Coola fire suppression local service area and the Hagensborg Fire Protection service area and that benefit from the provision of fire protection services provided by the Central Coast Regional District.
2. Annual tolls for fire protection services, as shown on Schedule A, attached to and forming part of this bylaw, are hereby fixed and made payable to the Central Coast Regional District annually, commencing after January 01, 2022.
3. Fire tolls shall be due and payable sixty (60) days after the billing date. A percentage addition of ten percent (10%) of the amount may be added to the current charges remaining unpaid after 60 days.
4. Bylaw No. 462 cited as "Bella Coola Fire Suppression Tolls Amending Bylaw No. 462, 2016" is hereby repealed.
5. This bylaw may be cited as the "Bella Coola and Hagensborg Fire Protection Tolls Bylaw No. 510, 2022"

READ A FIRST TIME this 9<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2021

READ A SECOND TIME this 9<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2021

READ A THIRD TIME this 9<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2021

RECONSIDERED AND FINALLY ADOPTED THIS \_\_\_th day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2022

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Chair

\_\_\_\_\_  
Corporate Officer

I hereby certify this bylaw to be a true and correct copy of Bylaw No. 462, cited as the "Bella Coola Fire Suppression Tolls Bylaw No. 510, 2022"

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Corporate Officer

CENTRAL COAST REGIONAL DISTRICT  
 BYLAW 510  
 ANNUAL TOLLS FOR FIRE PROTECTION SERVICES  
 SCHEDULE "A"

1. For each parcel upon which is situated any:

\*Church or Society                      \$75

2. A charge of \$1.75 for every one thousand (\$1,000) of assessed values on properties as determined by BC Assessment Authority, is fixed on all tax exempt parcels of land and improvements thereon, excepting those listed in #1 above.

*Note:	47.001	Bella Coola Valley Sr. Citizen's Housing
	56.000	Community Support Society – Lot 4, Block 2
	71.000	United Church – Lot 7, Block 5
	88.000	Catholic Church – Lot 17/18, Block 7
	114.000	Pentecostal Church – Lot 13/14, Block 9
	126.001	Moose Hall – Lot 14, Block 10
	133.000	Bella Coola Valley Museum Society
	264.000	Lobelco Community Club (Community Hall & playground)
	285.450	Lobelco Community Club ("Stock arena")
	298.025	Seventh Day Adventist Church
	325.200	Cemetery Association
	341.002	Valley Ridge Riders
	363.020	Norwegian Heritage Society
	365.002	Augsburg United Church