



**REPORT TO REGIONAL WATER SUPPLY COMMISSION
MEETING OF WEDNESDAY, JULY 20, 2022**

SUBJECT Bylaw No. 4509, “Capital Regional District Greater Victoria Water Supply Area Protection Bylaw No. 1, 2000, Amendment Bylaw No. 2, 2022”

ISSUE SUMMARY

To amend Capital Regional District (CRD) Bylaw 2804, “Capital Regional District Greater Victoria Water Supply Area Protection Bylaw No. 1, 2000”, to include a \$500 administration fee for recreational access requests in the Leech Water Supply Area (WSA); and to update the Bylaw’s Schedule A map to add the new Grant Lake land parcel and remove the Integrated Water Services (IWS) gravel pit land parcel.

BACKGROUND

At its meeting of June 15, 2022, the Regional Water Supply Commission (Commission) resolved: “That staff initiate a \$500 administration fee for access to the Leech watershed” in response to a staff report on options for Greater Victoria Water Supply Area (GVWSA) recreational permit issuance and cost recovery.

Given direction to amend the Bylaw, staff propose to also update the Bylaw’s Schedule A map to bring the 2022 purchased land parcel near Grant Lake under the authority of the Bylaw and to remove the IWS gravel pit land parcel which is currently this disposition process. The Grant Lake parcel falls within the Cowichan Valley Regional District, thus the CRD Bylaw will not have authority until the regional district boundaries are changed; however it avoids another amendment to the bylaw for this purpose at a later date.

ALTERNATIVES

Alternative 1

The Regional Water Supply Commission recommends to the Capital Regional District Board:

1. That Bylaw No. 4509, “Capital Regional District Greater Victoria Water Supply Area Protection Bylaw No. 1, 2000, Amendment Bylaw No. 2, 2022”, be introduced and read a first, second, and a third time.
2. That Bylaw No. 4509 be adopted.

Alternative 2

That the report be referred back to staff for additional information.

IMPLICATIONS

Governance

The current bylaw has been updated only once previously in 2016 to bring the Leech WSA under bylaw protection and to accommodate agreements with First Nations and special uses in the Leech WSA. At that time, the bylaw was updated in many sections, the Schedule A map updated,

and fines increased in CRD Ticket Authorization Bylaw No. 1857.

The addition of an administrative fee for special recreational use under the GVWSA Protection Bylaw and an update of the Schedule A map to add and remove lands are considered minor changes to the Bylaw.

The GVWSA Protection Bylaw does not currently have a schedule of fees, and it is appropriate to include the new administrative fee within the bylaw itself, which already includes a \$500 refundable security deposit fee. The \$500 administrative fee itself is higher than typically charged for user services within the CRD. However, it is not the mandate of the Regional Water Supply Service or the mandated use of the WSA lands to provide for recreational opportunities, which supports the higher fee more in line with cost recovery for staff effort.

First Nations Implications

The bylaw amendment does not affect any access and uses of the lands by First Nations. The definition of “recreational purpose” inserted into Bylaw No. 2804 does not include traditional or cultural uses.

CONCLUSION

Bylaw No. 4509 amends “Greater Victoria Water Supply Area Regulation Bylaw No. 1, 2000” to add a \$500 administrative fee for recreational access in the Leech Water Supply Area and updates the Bylaw’s Schedule A map to reflect lands the Bylaw applies to.

RECOMMENDATION

The Regional Water Supply Commission recommends to the Capital Regional District Board:

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ATTACHMENTS

- Appendix A: Bylaw 4509, “Greater Victoria Water Supply Area Regulations Bylaw No. 1, 2000, Amendment Bylaw No. 2, 2022” (Including Schedule A, GVWSA Map)
 Appendix B: Bylaw 2804, “Greater Victoria Water Supply Area Regulations Bylaw No. 1, 2000, Amendment Bylaw No. 2, 2022” unofficial redline showing changes.