

**Synopsis of Bylaw No. 4602, “Foodlands Access Service Establishment Bylaw No. 1, 2024”**

The purpose of Bylaw No. 4602 is to establish a new regional service for the purpose of coordinating preservation and access to farmland for agricultural use, and to promote regional food security. The service will purchase, lease, or otherwise acquire land to be used for agricultural and agricultural-related activities. In addition, the service will fund capital improvements to agricultural land, provide operational funding for service delivery, allow the CRD to enter agreements with third parties for service delivery and operation, provide grants or financial assistance to support agricultural initiatives, and undertake promotional activities.

The maximum amount that can be requisitioned for the service is one million dollars (\$1,000,000) or an amount equal to the amount that could be raised by a property value tax rate of \$0.00543 per one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00) to the net taxable value of the land and improvements within the service area.

The proposed service area applies to all municipalities and electoral areas of the Capital Regional District, including Central Saanich, Colwood, Esquimalt, Highlands, Langford, Metchosin, North Saanich, Oak Bay, Saanich, Sidney, Sooke, Victoria, View Royal, and the Electoral Areas of Juan de Fuca, Salt Spring Island, and Southern Gulf Islands. Participating area consent will be obtained by conducting a region wide alternative approval process.

Please note that this synopsis of Bylaw No. 4602 is not intended to be or understood as an interpretation of the bylaw. A copy of the complete bylaw and this notice may be viewed at Capital Regional District office located at 625 Fisgard Street, Victoria, BC from 8:30 am to 4:30 pm, Monday to Friday (excluding statutory holidays). The bylaw may also be viewed at [www.crd.bc.ca/foodlands-aap](http://www.crd.bc.ca/foodlands-aap)