

**REPORT TO REGIONAL WATER SUPPLY COMMISSION
MEETING OF WEDNESDAY, JUNE 21, 2017**

SUBJECT APPOINTMENT OF WATERSHED SECURITY OFFICERS

ISSUE

To amend Bylaw No. 2681 Capital Regional District Enforcement Officers to include Watershed Security Officers, and to appoint specific Watershed Security Officers with authority to enforce Bylaw No. 2804, Capital Regional District Water Supply Area Regulations and Bylaw No. 3682, Capital Regional District Parks Regulation.

BACKGROUND

Amendment of Bylaw No. 2681 CRD Enforcement Officers

Section 233 of the *Local Government Act* gives the Capital Regional District (CRD) Board the power to establish officer positions and the authority to assign power, duties and functions to those officer positions.

Bylaw No. 2681, Capital Regional District Enforcement Officers establishes enforcement officer positions for the purpose of enforcing CRD bylaws. Bylaw No. 2681 requires amendment to add the office of Watershed Security Officers to allow appointment of these officers for enforcement of both Bylaw No. 2804, Capital Regional District Water Supply Area Regulations Bylaw No. 1, 2000 and Bylaw No. 3682, Capital Regional District Parks Regulation.

Appointment of Watershed Security Officers

Bylaw No. 2804, Capital Regional District Water Supply Area Regulations provides authority to authorized personnel to enforce the bylaw. Authorized personnel are defined as “peace officer, conservation officer, or person appointed or employed by the CRD as a park officer, animal control officer, bylaw enforcement officer, *watershed security officer*, or other authorized CRD employee”.

No Watershed Security Officers have been appointed for at least the last 10 years, relying instead on CRD Bylaw Enforcement Officers as needed. Select Watershed Protection staff have received specialized training over the last two year period and become increasingly involved in bylaw compliance and enforcement for the Greater Victoria Water Supply Area (GVWSA). Appointment of these individuals as Watershed Security Officers will provide Integrated Water Services (IWS) with internal capacity to provide rapid, consistent and effective compliance and enforcement on a day-to-day basis. Watershed Security Officers will supplement the existing service of CRD Bylaw Enforcement Officers who will continue to provide advice, additional coverage and assistance with serious and complex incidents in the GVWSA.

Bylaw No. 3682, Capital Regional District Parks Regulation was recently amended (June 14, 2017) to include Watershed Security Officers under the definition of Parks Officers to provide authority to enforce park regulations along the Sooke Hills Wilderness Trail corridor portion of the Great Trail. With the opening of the Sooke Hills Wilderness Trail through a portion of the GVWSA, it is beneficial for both CRD Regional Parks and IWS to have the ability to provide compliance

and enforcement regardless whether an infraction occurs within or outside of the trail corridor. Regional Parks and IWS staff will work to provide a consistent approach with the public in providing compliance and enforcement along the trail.

Pursuant to Section 233 of the *Local Government Act* and Section 28(3) of the *Offence Act* and in accordance with Capital Regional District Bylaw No. 2681, the Regional Board must make resolutions for appointment to the office of Watershed Security Officer.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Regional Water Supply Commission recommend to the Capital Regional District Board:

1. That Bylaw No. 4195, the “Capital Regional District Enforcement Officers Bylaw No. 1, 1999, Amendment Bylaw No. 02, 2017” be introduced, read a first and second time, read a third time, and adopted;
2. That for the purpose of Section 233 of the *Local Government Act* and Section 28(3) of the *Offence Act*, and in accordance with Capital Regional District Bylaw No. 2681, Don Herriott, Nathan Boyne and Stephen Ford be appointed as Watershed Security Officers.

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Attachments:

1. Redlined Bylaw 2681
2. Bylaw No. 4195