

**REPORT TO CAPITAL REGIONAL DISTRICT BOARD
MEETING OF WEDNESDAY, JULY 12, 2017**

SUBJECT **Bylaw No. 4178 – Salt Spring Island Stormwater Quality Establishing Bylaw Amendment**

ISSUE

The Electoral Area Director for Salt Spring Island (SSI) requested an updated amendment bylaw to enable service enhancements to the SSI Stormwater Quality Program.

BACKGROUND

The Capital Regional District (CRD) has provided a stormwater monitoring service on SSI since 1997 under CRD Bylaw No. 2454 (Appendix A). The program works to find stormwater contamination issues related to septic fields and other land-based contaminant discharges to stormwater that affect many surface waters and selected sections of shoreline. In order to support the SSI Electoral Area to apply for and receive grants in areas related to groundwater, water capture/reuse or watershed protection activities not directly related to water quality, the existing service establishing bylaw requires an amendment.

Bylaw No. 4178 – Salt Spring Island Stormwater Quality Management Extended Service Establishment Bylaw No. 1, 1996, Amendment Bylaw No. 1, 2017 (Appendix B) amends the SSI Stormwater Quality Program service to add the following roles:

- watershed assessment, protection and enhancement
- groundwater monitoring, assessment and protection
- investigation and implementation of reclaimed water programs
- other related activities

At its April 19, 2017 meeting, the Electoral Area Services Committee recommended that Bylaw No. 4178 be forwarded to the Board for readings and adoption. On May 10, 2017, the Board gave the bylaw three readings and forwarded it to the Province of British Columbia Inspector of Municipalities.

The Inspector did not approve the amendment on the grounds that the original service bylaw needed to be brought up to reflect current standards and include a maximum requisition section. The bylaw has been amended to add a maximum requisition clause.

ALTERNATIVES

Alternative 1

1. That third reading of Bylaw No. 4178, "Salt Spring Island Stormwater Quality Management Extended Service Establishment Bylaw No. 1, 1996, Amendment Bylaw No. 1, 2017", be rescinded;

2. That Bylaw No. 4178, “Salt Spring Island Stormwater Quality Management Extended Service Establishment Bylaw No. 1, 1996, Amendment Bylaw No. 1, 2017” be amended as set out in Appendix B to include a maximum requisition clause; and
3. That Bylaw No. 4178, “Salt Spring Island Stormwater Quality Management Extended Service Establishment Bylaw No. 1, 1996, Amendment Bylaw No. 1, 2017”, be given third reading, as amended.

Alternative 2

That the Capital Regional District Board refer the bylaw back to staff for reconsideration.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS

This bylaw amendment will allow the SSI Stormwater Quality Program to better support efforts on SSI to protect watersheds, groundwater and the quality and quantity of water resources, as well as enabling staff to investigate and implement measures to reduce usage and improve the quantity of water in these watersheds.

An amended service will also allow the CRD to apply for grants or receive and manage grant money on behalf of the Salt Spring Island Watershed Protection Authority for water resources-related projects on SSI.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

This new service scope will be undertaken within the existing proposed 2017 budget of \$20,910. Any future work that exceeds the requisitions in the 2018-2019 proposed budgets and is under the maximum requisition amount will require budget adjustments with Board approval.

CONCLUSIONS

In May 2017, Bylaw No. 4178 was not approved by the Inspector of Municipalities due to the lack of a maximum requisition clause. The updated Bylaw No. 4178 presented here addresses that omission.

RECOMMENDATION

1. That third reading of Bylaw No. 4178, “Salt Spring Island Stormwater Quality Management Extended Service Establishment Bylaw No. 1, 1996, Amendment Bylaw No. 1, 2017”, be rescinded;
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Attachments: Appendix A – Bylaw No. 2454
Appendix B – Bylaw No. 4178