



Request for Decision

Sea to Sky Corridor Recreational Trails Service
Establishment Bylaw No. 1006-2007,
Amendment Bylaw No. 1806-2023

Date of Meeting: Board of Directors – February 22, 2023

Recommendations:

THAT Bylaw No. 1806-2023, cited as “Sea to Sky Corridor Recreational Trails Service Establishment Bylaw No. 1006-2007, Amendment Bylaw No. 1806-2023” be introduced and read a first, second and third time; and

THAT Bylaw No. 1806-2023, cited as “Sea to Sky Corridor Recreational Trails Service Establishment Bylaw No. 1006-2007, Amendment Bylaw No. 1806-2023” receive participating area approval and consent from the Directors of Electoral Area C and Electoral Area D pursuant to Section 349 and 347 of the Local Government Act; and

THAT Bylaw No. 1806-2023, cited as “Sea to Sky Corridor Recreational Trails Service Establishment Bylaw No. 1006-2007, Amendment Bylaw No. 1806-2023” receive participating area approval and consent from the councils of the Village of Pemberton, the Resort Municipality of Whistler and the District of Squamish pursuant to Section 349 and 346 of the Local Government Act.

Attachments:

- 1) Sea to Sky Corridor Recreational Trails Service Establishment Bylaw No. 1006-2007, Amendment Bylaw No. 1806-2023

Key Information:

The *Local Government Act* authorizes the establishment of service areas pursuant to Section 338 of the Act and allows for a maximum amount that may be requisitioned for the service. The Regional Districts Establishing Bylaw Approval Exemption Regulation (within the *Local Government Act*) allows for an increase to this maximum requisition limit under establishment bylaws for an amount less than or equal to 25% of the 5-year baseline value, without having to receive the approval of the Inspector of Municipalities.

Simply put, the SLRD can increase the maximum tax requisitions for a service, without Inspector approval, by up to 25% of the rates in effect 5 years prior (the “5-year baseline”); this can be done as a single lump sum or as cumulative increases.

Consent on behalf of the electors can be provided by the Electoral Area Director pursuant to sections 349 and 347 of the *Local Government Act*, and by a municipality pursuant to sections 349 and 346 of the *Local Government Act*.

Staff have reviewed the services where an increase in the available tax requisition amount can be secured for future needs. The following cost centre (for Sea to Sky Trails) was missed in the initial review, but can have the maximum requisition amount increased to ensure there is sufficient room going forward to allow the SLRD to continue to provide the current level of service along with potentially providing additional requisition room to be available to accommodate any future changes to the service.

Cost Centre #3004 – Sea to Sky Trails

- 2022 requisition was \$150,000
- 2022 maximum requisition: \$150,000
- 2023 new maximum requisition proposed: \$187,500
- Recommendation: Increase maximum requisition (25%) \$150,000 to \$187,500
- Participating Areas – DoS, RMOW, VoP, Area C & Area D
- Last bylaw amendment (increasing maximum requisition): N/A

Implications:

Increasing the maximum requisition limit does not mean that there is a requirement to raise the requisitioned tax amounts – any determination of taxation increases to these services will be undertaken as part of the normal budgeting process. Increasing the allowable limits via bylaw will allow the services to continue maintaining existing service levels and provide for the flexibility for incremental future increases as required.

If this service receives all of the participating area’s consent forms returned before the SLRD March Board meeting, this service may increase the 2023 requisition, otherwise the increase will be available for the 2024 requisition as the Financial Plan Bylaw will be adopted at this meeting. It is likely that this increase will be available in 2024 due to the tight turnaround time for the municipality participants to take this bylaw to their respective councils for approval.

Options:

- 1) THAT Bylaw 1806-2023 to increase the maximum requisition amounts be given three readings and participating area approvals be requested.
- 2) Do not proceed with the bylaw.
- 3) Identify and proceed with changes to the bylaw.

Preferred Option: Option 1.

Follow Up Actions:

1. Seek participating area approvals and consents for Bylaw No. 1806-2023



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2. If associated participating area approvals and consents are obtained, bring Bylaw No. 1806-2023 to the March 22, 2023 Board meeting for consideration of approval (before the Financial Plan approval), or bring to the next appropriate Board meeting.

Submitted by: Colin Hodgins, Deputy Director of Finance
Reviewed by: Suzanne Lafrance, Director of Finance
Approved by: Craig Dalton, CAO

CONSENT of the Council of the
Resort Municipality of Whistler
obtained this

_____ day of _____, 2023

CONSENT of the Council of the
District of Squamish obtained this

_____ day of _____, 2023

ADOPTED this

_____ day of _____, 2023.

Jen Ford
Chair

Kristen Clark
Corporate Officer