
TO: Committee of the Whole **MEETING:** July 9, 2019

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SUBJECT: Bylaw 789.05 – A Bylaw to Amend the Fairwinds Streetlighting Local Service

RECOMMENDATION

That “Fairwinds Streetlighting Local Service Amendment Bylaw No. 789.05, 2019” be introduced and read three times.

SUMMARY

A petition has been received from the owner of 3521/3529 Dolphin Drive in Nanoose Bay (Fairwinds Landing/Schooner Cove). The owner wishes to join the adjacent streetlighting service area so streetlights can be installed along Dolphin Drive to improve vehicle and pedestrian safety. By joining the streetlighting service area, the property owner would pay taxes towards the local streetlighting service.

BACKGROUND

The subject property is located at the corner of Dolphin Drive and Outrigger Road in Nanoose Bay, B.C., where a new hotel and condominium development is underway. The RDN currently provides overhead streetlighting service to the Fairwinds residential neighbourhood located across Dolphin Drive to the south (see Location Plan in Figure 1). The subject property is being developed at a later date than the original Fairwinds subdivision, and has not received streetlighting service to date.

According to the Phased Development Agreement and the Memorandum of Understanding between the RDN and the Fairwinds/Schooner Cove owner, a streetlighting service area is anticipated to be established (or an existing streetlight service area is to be amended) in order for the owner to install streetlights to improve vehicle and pedestrian safety adjacent to the new development. The owner has subsequently petitioned the RDN to be included within the adjacent Fairwinds Streetlighting Local Service. As with each RDN streetlighting service, BC Hydro will charge the annual cost to operate the streetlights to the RDN, and the RDN in turn will recover those costs from all the participants of the streetlighting service in the form of taxes.

The RDN's newest streetlighting specifications will ensure that only dark-sky compliant streetlights are installed on ornamental poles, and that no upward or outward-facing light will be experienced by neighbouring property owners.

The Fairwinds Streetlighting Local Service Bylaw No. 789, 1989 requires an amendment in order to include this property within the taxation boundary for streetlighting service. A bylaw amendment is attached to this report for the Board's consideration.

ALTERNATIVES

1. Accept the request for inclusion into the Fairwinds Streetlighting Local Service; or
2. Provide alternate direction to staff.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

There are no financial implications to the RDN. The property owner has agreed to install ornamental streetlights and poles as part of their development costs at Fairwinds Landing/Schooner Cove. If accepted into the Fairwinds Streetlighting Service, the annual hydro charges for the new streetlights would be recovered from the entire streetlight service area, including the subject property.

STRATEGIC PLAN IMPLICATIONS

Social Wellbeing - Make the Region a safe and vibrant place for all, with a focus on children and families in programs and planning.

Including the property at 3521/3529 Dolphin Drive into the Fairwinds Streetlighting Local Service supports the Board's goals to provide opportunities for residents to move effectively through and around the region, and to make the region a safe and vibrant place for all. Vision, Mission, and Values as described in the 2019-2022 Strategic Plan.



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Attachments:

1. Figure 1 – Location Plan
2. Fairwinds Streetlighting Local Service Amendment Bylaw No. 789.05, 2019

Figure 1 – Location Plan

