

# DISTRICT OF SECHELT REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL AGENDA

Wednesday, May 8, 2024, 3:30 pm

**Community Meeting Room** 

1st Floor, 5797 Cowrie St., Sechelt

and Via Zoom Online Meeting Platform

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# 6. CLOSED SESSION

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It has been determined that the Council meeting be closed to the public as the subject matters relate to the following sections of section 90 of the *Community Charter*:

Section 90 (1):

(e) the acquisition, disposition or expropriation of land or improvements, if the council considers that disclosure could reasonably be expected to harm the interests of the municipality;

(k) negotiations and related discussions respecting the proposed provision of a municipal service that are at their preliminary stages and that, in the view of the council, could reasonably be expected to harm the interests of the municipality if they were held in public;

(I) discussions with municipal officers and employees respecting municipal objectives, measures and progress reports for the purposes of preparing an annual report under section 98 [annual municipal report].

"That the meeting be closed to the public pursuant to Sections 90 (1) (e), (k) and (l) of the *Community Charter.*"

# 6.1 CALL TO ORDER AND DECLARATION OF CONFLICT

- 6.2 ADOPTION OF CLOSED AGENDA
- 6.3 Section 90 (1) (e), (k), (l)
- 6.4 Minutes of the April 24, 2024 Closed Council Meeting
- 6.5 Minutes of the March 27, 2024 Closed Council Meeting
- 7. ADJOURNMENT

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# **NOTICE OF MOTION**

то:	Council	MEETING DATE:	May 8, 2024		
FROM:	Kerianne Poulsen, Corporate Officer				
SUBJECT:	Mayor Henderson – Non-Potable V	Vater Supply			
FILE NO:	0550				

# MAYOR HENDERSON: NOTICE OF MOTION

#### WHEREAS:

- A. The SCRD will commence water restrictions tomorrow, May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2024 and recognizing the widespread drought conditions in BC and our alpine regions having among the lowest snowpack on record, we need to implement all options to help address the possibility of severe water shortages later in 2024; and
- B. Hon. Bowinn Ma, Minister of Emergency Management and Climate Readiness, has recommended we do everything we can to be ready for drought conditions in 2024; and
- C. Having a water source adjacent to the Operations Centre would seem to offer operational efficiencies because our parks and public works departments use significant volumes of non-potable water; and
- D. Non-potable water can be used for a wide range of other applications that may help reduce the demand for potable water.

#### NOW THEREFORE:

I recommend Council approve a budget of up to \$80,000 for a non-potable water supply source using the existing Dusty Road well:

- a. That such be funded from one or more reserve funds to be identified by staff; and
- b. That Council immediately inform the Province of our plans and direct staff to seek expedited approval from such authorities as necessary; and
- c. That staff ensure the well is operational as soon as possible and, in any event, not later than August 15, 2024.

# PURPOSE

A member of Council has brought forward a motion regarding a new non-potable water supply for Council's consideration.

#### Legislative Context

District of Sechelt Council Procedure Bylaw No. 568, 2018

- 26. (1) Any member of Council desiring to bring forward to Council any new matter, other than a point of order or privilege, shall do so by way of a "Notice of Motion" and the matter shall be dealt with as provided by section 26(2).
  - (2) Any member of Council may give notice of motion:
    - (a) to the Council or Committee of the Whole during a meeting, at the discretion of the presiding member (Mayor, Mayor's designate, or Committee Chair). Once acknowledged by the presiding member, a Councillor shall read the resolution into the meeting and provide the Corporate Officer with a copy of such motion at the meeting. The Corporate Officer shall record the motion in the Minutes of the meeting as a notice of motion and shall add the motion to the agenda of the next appropriate meeting along with any background information identified; or
    - (b) provide the Corporate Officer with a written copy of such motion, no later than nine calendar days prior to the scheduled meeting and the Corporate Officer shall add the motion to the agenda for said meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Kerianne Poulsen

**Corporate Officer** 



# **REQUEST FOR DECISION**

TO:	Council	MEETING DATE:	May 8, 2024		
FROM:	David Douglas, Director of Financial Services				
SUBJECT:	2024 - 2028 Consolidated Financial	Plan Bylaw No. 621, 2024			
FILE NO:	3900-02				

#### RECOMMENDATION

That the 2024 - 2028 Consolidated Financial Plan Bylaw No. 621, 2024 be adopted.

#### PURPOSE

For Council to adopt the District of Sechelt 2024 - 2028 Consolidated Financial Plan Bylaw No. 621, 2024.

#### OPTION

1. Council provide direction to staff concerning the 2024-2028 Consolidated Financial Plan.

#### DISCUSSION

#### Summary

At the May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2024 Council meeting, Council gave 3 readings to the 2024 - 2028 Consolidated Financial Plan Bylaw No. 621, 2024. This report is requesting Council to proceed with the fourth and final adoption of this bylaw.

#### Background

As per the following sections of the *Community Charter* the District has compiled its 2024 - 2028 Consolidated Financial Plan and Bylaw to present to Council and the public (attached).

# **Financial plan**

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- (1) A municipality must have a financial plan that is adopted annually, by bylaw, before the annual property tax bylaw is adopted.
- (2) For certainty, the financial plan may be amended by bylaw at any time.
- (3) The planning period for a financial plan is 5 years, that period being the year in which the plan is specified to come into force and the following 4 years.
- (3.1) The financial plan must set out the objectives and policies of the municipality for the planning period in relation to the following:
  - (a) for each of the funding sources described in subsection (7), the proportion of total revenue that is proposed to come from that funding source;
  - (b) the distribution of property value taxes among the property classes that may be subject to the taxes;
  - (b.1) the provision of development potential relief under section 198.1;
  - (c) the use of permissive tax exemptions.
- (4) The financial plan must set out the following for each year of the planning period:
  - (a) the proposed expenditures by the municipality;
  - (b) the proposed funding sources;
  - (c) the proposed transfers to or between funds.
- (5) The total of the proposed expenditures and transfers to other funds for a year must not exceed the total of the proposed funding sources and transfers from other funds for the year.
- (6) The proposed expenditures must set out separate amounts for each of the following as applicable:
  - (a) the amount required to pay interest and principal on municipal debt;
  - (b) the amount required for capital purposes;
  - (c) the amount required for a deficiency referred to in subsection (9);
  - (d) the amount required for other municipal purposes.
- (7) The proposed funding sources must set out separate amounts for each of the following as applicable:
  - (a) revenue from property value taxes;
  - (b) revenue from parcel taxes;
  - (c) revenue from fees;
  - (d) revenue from other sources;
  - (e) proceeds from borrowing, other than borrowing under section 177 [revenue anticipation borrowing].
- (8) The proposed transfers to or between funds must set out separate amounts for

- (a) each reserve fund under Division 4 of this Part, and
- (b) accumulated surplus.
- (9) If actual expenditures and transfers to other funds for a year exceed actual revenues and transfers from other funds for the year, the resulting deficiency must be included in the next year's financial plan as an expenditure in that year.

Public process for development of financial plan

**166** A council must undertake a process of public consultation regarding the proposed financial plan before it is adopted

# POLICY AND BYLAW IMPLICATIONS

The Five Year Consolidated Financial Plan and Tax Rate Bylaw must be adopted by Council prior to May 15th.

# SUSTAINABILITY PLAN IMPLICATIONS

Social Sustainability and Community Well Being

# STRATEGIC PLAN IMPLICATIONS

1. Ensuring Financial Balance

# FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

# General Operating Fund

Included in the General Operating Fund is a general taxation increase for the District of Sechelt of 7.71%:

- 4.71% increase for operations; and
- 3% for capital

In total, taxation and other levies rose to \$13,979,158, this includes \$160,000 from new construction in 2023.

The General Capital budget for 2024 is \$18,929,977. Planned funding sources include reserves, debt financing, grants, user fees and Development Cost Charges.

# Sewer Operations

Sewer user fees for residential increased by \$24.20 per residence or 3.69% to \$679.40. Commercial user fees also increased at the same percentage as residential. In 2024 commercial sewer user fees increased to \$1,431 on an average business, a \$51 increase over 2023.

Sewer Capital for 2024 is \$4,675,853. Planned funding for capital includes reserves, debt financing, grants, user fees and Development Cost Charges.

# Septage Operations

Budgeted Septage fees decreased by \$54,502 to \$435,498 for 2024. This decrease is due to a lower volume of use at the Dusty Road facility and includes a 3.69% increase to the off-loading rates.

Septage Capital for 2024 is \$361,368. Planned funding for capital is reserves.

# COMMUNICATIONS

The District has engaged the community in several consultation meetings which were hosted on Zoom. The 2024 - 2028 Consolidated Financial Plan will be available on the District's website and paper copy at the Operations Centre.

Respectfully submitted, David Douglas Director of Financial Services

Attachment:

1- 2024 - 2028 Consolidated Financial Plan Bylaw No. 621, 2024

### DISTRICT OF SECHELT 2024-2028 Consolidated Financial Plan Bylaw No. 621, 2024

A bylaw to adopt the Financial Plan for the years 2024 – 2028 for the District of Sechelt

**WHEREAS** Section 165 of the Community Charter, SBC Chapter 26, 2013 requires that Council adopt an annual Financial Plan;

**NOW THEREFORE,** the Council of the District of Sechelt in open meeting assembled enacts as follows:

#### TITLE

1. This bylaw may be cited as "District of Sechelt 2024 - 2028 Consolidated Financial Plan Bylaw No. 621, 2024".

#### DEFINITIONS

3. In this bylaw:

**Council** means the Municipal Council of the District of Sechelt. **District** means the municipal corporation of the District of Sechelt.

#### PROVISIONS

- 4. 'Schedule A', attached to and forming part of this bylaw is hereby adopted as the Financial Plan of the District of Sechelt for the five (5) year period from 2024 2028.
- 5. Pursuant to Section 165 of the Community Charter the Council of the District of Sechelt has prepared a Statement of Revenue and Tax Policy as shown in 'Schedule B' attached hereto and forming part of this bylaw.

READ A FIRST TIME THIS	1st	DAY OF	MAY, 2024
READ A SECOND TIME THIS	1st	DAY OF	MAY, 2024
READ A THIRD TIME THIS	1st	DAY OF	MAY, 2024
ADOPTED THIS		DAY OF	2024

Mayor

**Corporate Officer** 

Schedule A

District of Sechent 2024 - 2028 Cons	2024				
	Proposed	2025	2026	2027	2028
	Budget	2020	2020	2027	2020
Revenues:	0				
Taxation and Other Levies	14,298,059	15,689,376	16,605,367	17,637,735	18,447,637
Private Contributions	5,700	5,707	5,714	5,721	5,728
Government Grants	1,516,751	1,047,121	1,047,121	1,047,121	1,047,121
Sale of Goods and Services	1,965,170	1,967,589	1,970,032	1,972,499	1,974,993
Licences, Permits and Fees	1,814,932	1,833,081	1,851,412	1,869,926	1,888,625
Penalties and Interest	192,000	195,840	199,757	203,752	207,827
Income / (loss) from Business Ente	-	-	-	-	-
Return on Investments	576,923	580,173	585,888	572,591	565,302
Development Cost Charges	975,763	1,027,529	1,234,815	134,550	354,235
Capital Grants & Contributions	9,290,766	151,855	420,000	-	-
Sewer Revenues	4,796,952	5,122,772	5,286,318	5,396,497	5,593,085
Total Revenues	35,433,016	27,621,043	29,206,424	28,840,392	30,084,552
Expenditures:					
General Government	4,964,128	4,572,977	4,667,077	4,768,615	4,862,191
Planning and Community Developn	2,193,658	1,702,239	1,731,455	1,763,386	1,795,954
Community Services	2,839,242	2,671,782	2,730,819	2,803,186	2,877,499
Engineering & Operations	3,441,030	3,090,916	3,147,269	3,214,201	3,282,474
Facilities	1,113,026	969,641	984,032	1,003,711	1,023,785
Protective Services	3,458,282	3,342,404	3,384,626	3,450,319	3,519,325
Solid Waste	2,016,971	1,990,521	2,010,266	2,050,151	2,090,834
Sewer Operating	3,543,545	3,051,353	3,110,757	3,182,809	3,241,178
Interest on Debt	236,162	375,469	370,942	355,717	355,448
Total Expenditures	23,806,044	21,767,302	22,137,243	22,592,095	23,048,688
Net Operating Activity	11,626,972	5,853,741	7,069,182	6,248,297	7,035,864
Amortization	3,820,610	3,987,782	4,041,954	4,091,220	4,137,460
Principle on Debt	1,141,164	1,070,682	868,139	854,845	895,490
Transfer to (from) Reserves	(6,474,317)	(529,674)	(393,004)	(369,270)	(121,326)
Transfer to (from) Capital	(4,095,530)	(614,087)	333,691	(371,653)	2,349,073
Transfers to (from) Surplus	(833,000)	(525,000)	(275,000)	-	-
Proceeds from borrowing	(2,078,543)	(556,550)	(589,999)	(867,994)	-
Reduction of Capital Equity	(3,820,610)	(3,987,782)	(4,041,954)	(4,091,220)	(4,137,460)
Capital Purchases	23,967,198	7,008,370	7,125,355	7,002,369	3,912,627
Surplus (Deficit)	0	(0)	(0)	0	0

#### District of Sechelt 2024 - 2028 Consolidated Five Year Financial Plan

#### 1. Portion of Revenue by Source

#### Objective

• The District of Sechelt is focused on the fiscal sustainability of the municipality.

#### Policies

- The District is committed to setting tax rates, service fees and user fees to attain the goal of providing sustainable services and infrastructure.
- The District of Sechelt will review its fees and charges to ensure adequacy and fairness.

Revenue and Funding Sources				
	2024			
	\$	%		
Taxation and Other Levies	14,298,059	38%		
Grants & Donations	1,522,451	4%		
Fees, rates and sale of services	3,780,102	10%		
Interest and penalties	768,923	2%		
Development Cost Charges	975,763	2.5%		
Capital Grants & Contributions	9,290,766	25%		
Sewer fees and charges	3,829,381	10%		
Sewer parcel taxes	967,571	2.5%		
Proceeds from Borrowing	2,078,543	6%		
Total Revenues & Funding	37,511,599	100%		

# 2. Distribution of Property Taxes by Class

# Objective

a. The District wants to ensure an appropriate tax burden ratio between Property Tax Class 6 – Business/Other to Property Tax Class 1 - Residential.

# Policies

b. The District of Sechelt reviews its tax burden between residential and commercial to ensure fairness.

Droporty Class	2024 Net	2023 Tax	Total 2024 Tax	Tax Rate	% of Total
Property Class	Taxable Value	Rate	Levy	Multiple	Taxes
1 Residential	5,464,853,732	2.18230	11,925,950	1.00	85.3%
2 Utilities	5,009,000	40.00000	200,360	18.33	1.4%
5 Light Industrial	11,813,700	7.65987	90,491	3.51	0.6%
6 Business/Other	320,174,421	5.36846	1,718,843	2.46	12.3%
7 Managed Forests	568,500	9.05655	5,150	4.15	0.0%
8 Recreation/Non Profit	9,326,900	3.92814	36,637	1.80	0.3%
9 Farm	401,123	5.19387	2,083	2.38	0.0%
	5,812,147,376	73.3892	13,979,514	_	100%

#### 3. Permissive Tax Exemptions

#### Objective

- The District of Sechelt recognizes that many of volunteer organizations contribute to the well-being of the community and are important components of the social, cultural, spiritual, and economic fabric.
- The District of Sechelt will consider granting permissive tax exemptions under section 224 of the *Community Charter* to agencies within the District who financially require such exemptions in order to provide a service to the community and whose service results in an improvement to the quality of life within the community.

#### Policies

- Council recognizes that granting permissive tax exemptions to philanthropic and nonprofit organizations shifts the tax burden to the District's remaining taxable properties. Accordingly, it will consider the impacts on each year's taxes when granting these exemptions.
- All existing exemptions and new applications will be reviewed annually by the Finance Department to ensure, based on the most current available information, that the organizations qualify for a permissive exemption. The results of that review, and any new applications, are to be reported to Council for consideration.

#### 4. Diversion of Organic Waste and recyclable products from the Landfill

#### Objective

- To reduce the volume of household waste being sent by Sechelt residents to the Landfill.
- To support the Regional Solid Waste Management Plan goals and objectives.

#### Policies

• Maintain a reliable and efficient collection service for the pick-up and disposal of organic waste recycle products from single family and multi-family (strata) residential dwellings.

# Objective

• Provide and manage District assets in an efficient and cost-effective manner.

#### Policies

• The District has embraced asset management planning including inventories and condition reports on assets owned by the district.

# **Proposed Capital Funding Sources**

	2024	2025	2026	2027	2028
Airport Reserve	25,000	155,614	-	-	-
Building Reserve	14,019	-	-	-	-
Canada Community Building Fund	1,153,210	501,750	473,000	491,250	540,765
Capital Reserve	4,977,479	2,646,110	2,837,241	3,312,350	1,585,000
CARIP Reserve	55,000	-	-	-	-
Development Cost Charges - Drainage	92,414	48,015	343,480	44,550	-
Development Cost Charges - Parks	10,823	15,000	15,000	15,000	354,235
Development Cost Charges - Roads	61,213	408,375	831,786	-	-
Development Cost Charges - Sewer	811,313	556,139	44,550	75,000	-
Downtown Revitalization Reserve	4,616	-	-	-	-
Grant - BC Safe Restart (COVID)	545,675	-	-	-	-
Grants & Contributions	9,290,766	151,855	420,000	250,000	-
Growing Community Fund	1,266,358	300,000	200,000	-	-
MFA Financing	2,078,543	556,550	589,999	867,994	-
Local Government Climate Action Plan Reserve	147,753	-	-	-	-
Public Safety Reserve	1,210,075	100,000	250,000	150,000	100,000
Public Works Yard Reserve	9,904	-	-	-	-
PW Operation & Maint Reserve	60,000	-	-	-	-
Reserve for Committed Expenditures	7,500	-	-	-	3,346
Reserve for Committed Expenditures (Sewer)	395,255	-	-	-	-
Septage Reserve	355,812	315,000	15,000	315,000	15,000
Sewer Capital Reserve	1,386,938	1,253,963	1,105,300	1,481,225	1,314,281
Taxation	1,976	-	-	-	-
Grand Total	23,961,641	7,008,370	7,125,355	7,002,369	3,912,627

# **Proposed Utilization of Reserves**

	2024	2025	2026	2027	2028
Proposed Utilization of Reserves	Budget	Budget	Budget	Budget	Budget
Building Reserve	-	_	-	-	-
Canada Community Building Fund	945,000	521,750	493,000	511,250	560,765
Capital Reserve	1,900,362	2,646,110	2,837,241	3,312,350	1,585,000
Growing Community Fund	850,000	300,000	200,000	-	-
Election Reserve	-	-	24,000	-	-
Downtown Revitalization Reserve	-	-	-	-	-
Airport Reserve	25,000	155,614	-	-	-
General Surplus	833,000	525,000	275,000	-	-
Solid Waste Reserve	150,000	-	-	-	-
Development Fee Equalization Reserve	97,606	70,000	50,000	50,000	-
Reserve for Committed Expenditures	436,177	-	-	-	-
Grant - BC Safe Restart (COVID)	334,138	-	-	-	-
Local Government Climate Action Program Reser	121,000	-	-	-	-
Porpoise Bay Wharf Reserve	-	-	-	-	-
Porpoise Bay Govt Wharf Reserve	-	-	-	-	-
Trail Bay Wharf Reserve	-	-	-	-	-
Public Safety Reserve	220,000	132,000	282,000	150,000	100,000
Public Works Yard Reserve	-	-	-	-	-
PW Operation & Maint Reserve	-	-	-	-	-
CARIP Reserve	55,000				
Affordable Housing Reserve	-	-	-	-	-
Reserve for Committed Expenditures (Sewer)	712,113	-	-	-	-
Septage Reserve	15,000	315,000	15,000	315,000	15,000
Sewer Capital Reserve	344,300	1,253,963	1,105,300	1,481,225	1,314,281
Development Cost Charges - Drainage	-	48,015	343,480	44,550	-
Development Cost Charges - Parks	-	15,000	15,000	15,000	354,235
Development Cost Charges - Roads	-	408,375	831,786	-	-
Development Cost Charges - Sewer	429,700	556,139	44,550	75,000	-
Total	7,468,396	6,946,966	6,516,357	5,954,375	3,929,281



# **REQUEST FOR DECISION**

TO:	Council	MEETING DATE:	May 8, 2024
FROM:	David Douglas, Director of Financial	Services	
SUBJECT:	2024 Tax Rates Bylaw No. 622, 202	4	
FILE NO:	3900-02		

#### RECOMMENDATION

The District of Sechelt 2024 Tax Rates Bylaw No. 622, 2024 be adopted.

#### PURPOSE

To present the 2024 Tax Rates Bylaw to Council for adoption.

#### OPTION

1. Council provide direction to staff concerning the 2024 Tax Rates Bylaw No. 622, 2024.

#### DISCUSSION

#### Summary

At the May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2024 Council meeting, Council gave 3 readings to the 2024 Tax Rates Bylaw No. 622, 2024. This report is requesting Council to proceed with the fourth reading and final adoption of this bylaw.

#### SUSTAINABILITY PLAN IMPLICATIONS

- 1. Economic Sustainability
- 2. Sustainable Community Growth and Development

#### STRATEGIC PLAN IMPLICATIONS

1. Ensuring Financial Balance

# FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

The 2024 Tax Rates Bylaw No. 622, 2024 reflects the tax rates for the District of Sechelt, as well as the required rates to collect and remit the levies for the Regional District. The tax increase of 7.71%, 5.48% for operations and 3% for capital is included in the rates being recommended to Council.

### COMMUNICATIONS

The bylaw will be posted on the District of Sechelt website.

Respectfully submitted, David Douglas Director of Financial Services

Attachment:

1- 2024 Tax Rates Bylaw No. 622, 2024

### DISTRICT OF SECHELT 2024 Tax Rate Bylaw No. 622, 2024

A bylaw to establish Tax Rates for Municipal, Hospital, Sunshine Coast Regional District, and Sunshine Coast Regional District Recreation purposes for the year 2024

**WHEREAS** Section 197(1) the Community Charter provides that Council shall, before May 15 in each year, adopt a bylaw to impose various rates on all taxable land and improvements according to their assessed value;

**AND WHEREAS** the Community Charter further provides, that Council may by bylaw designate two or more dates after which percentages totaling 10% (ten percent) shall be added to the amount of taxes unpaid;

NOW THEREFORE, the Council of the District of Sechelt in open meeting assembled enacts as follows:

### TITLE

1. This bylaw may be cited for all purposes as, "2024 Tax Rate Bylaw No. 622, 2024".

#### DEFINITIONS

2. In this bylaw:

**Council** means the Municipal Council of the District of Sechelt. **District** means the municipal corporation of the District of Sechelt.

#### PROVISIONS

- 3. <u>2024 Rates</u>
  - (1) The following rates are hereby imposed and levied for the year 2024:
    - (a) For all lawful general purposes of the municipality on the value of land and improvements taxable for general municipal purposes, rates appearing in Column "A" of Schedule A attached to and forming part of this bylaw.
    - (b) For hospital purposes on the value of land and improvements taxable for regional hospital district purposes, rates appearing in Column "B" of Schedule A attached to and forming part of this bylaw.
    - (c) For the purposes of the Sunshine Coast Regional District on the value of land and improvements taxable for regional hospital district purposes, rates appearing in Column "C" of Schedule A attached to and forming part of this bylaw.
    - (d) For the purposes of the Sunshine Coast Regional Recreation on the value of improvements only taxable for the regional hospital district purposes, rates appearing in Column "D" of Schedule A attached to and forming part of this bylaw.
  - (2) The minimum amount of taxation upon a parcel of real property shall be ONE DOLLAR (\$1.00)

### 4. PERCENTAGE ADDITION TO UNPAID TAXES

Instead of July 2 of the year, as set out in Section 234(1) of the *Community Charter* as the day on or after which the percentage mentioned may be added to the unpaid taxes of the current year, the following other dates and percentage additions are determined as permitted by the Act:

- (1) The Collector shall, after July 2, 2024, add to the unpaid taxes of the current year, in respect of each parcel of land and the improvements thereon upon the real property tax roll, five percent (5%) of the amount of taxes remaining unpaid on the 3rd Day of July, 2024.
- (2) The Collector shall after August 31, 2024 add to the unpaid taxes of the current year, in respect of each parcel of land and the improvements thereon upon the real property tax roll, five percent (5%) of the amount of taxes remaining unpaid on September 1, 2024.

READ A FIRST TIME THIS	1st	DAY OF	MAY, 2024
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Mayor

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# District of Sechelt Property Tax Rates for 2024 Schedule "A" to Bylaw 622, 2024

Dollars of Tax Per \$1,000 of Taxable Assessed Value								
	A B C D							
	Property	General	Regional	Regional	Regional			
	Classifications	Municipal	Hospital	District	Recreation			
			District					
1	Residential	2.18160	0.06600	0.63406	0.98919			
2	Utilities	40.00000	0.23100	2.21921	3.46217			
Z	Oundes	40.00000	0.23100	2.21321	5.40217			
4	Major Industrial	-	-	-	-			
5	Light Industrial	8.02829	0.22440	2.15580	3.36325			
6	Business/Other	5.36674	0.16170	1.55345	2.42352			
7	Managed Forest Land	9.29362	0.19800	1.90218	2.96757			
			0.00000	0.00.400	0.000.00			
8	Recreation/Non Profit	3.92688	0.06600	0.63406	0.98919			
-	<b>F</b>	F F 412C	0.00000	0.02400	0.00010			
9	Farm	5.54126	0.06600	0.63406	0.98919			



# **REQUEST FOR DECISION**

TO:	Council	MEETING DATE:	May 8, 2024
FROM:	Beverley Smith, Manager of Financi	al Services	
SUBJECT:	Sewer User Fees Amendment Bylav	w 426-19, 2024	
FILE NO:	3900-02		

#### RECOMMENDATION

That the District of Sechelt Sewer Fees Amendment Bylaw 426-19, 2024 be adopted.

#### PURPOSE

That the District of Sechelt Sewer Fees Amendment Bylaw 426-19, 2024 be adopted, and increase the Sewer User Fee Rates by 3.69%.

#### OPTION

1. Council provide direction to staff concerning Sewer Fees Amendment Bylaw 426-19, 2024.

#### DISCUSSION

#### Summary

Included in the Five-Year Financial plan for 2024 is a proposed increased to sewer rates of 3.69%. The sewer budget includes operational expenses and capital projects that need to be completed in 2024.

The parcel tax will remain the same as the previous year, \$274. Included in the 2024 budget are capital projects valued at over \$4.6 Million. The capital projects will be funded from both Reserves borrowing and Development Cost Charges.

#### POLICY AND BYLAW IMPLICATIONS

Council Policy - 2.1.12 – User Fees & Charges, Sewer fees would be categorized as Full Cost Recovery by the Council user fees and charges policy:

"Full Cost Recovery is where the District determines that a service or good or access to a facility provided by the District provides a direct benefit to individuals, groups of individuals or businesses, a user fee or charge will be imposed to recover the full cost of providing the service, good or access to facility."

# SUSTAINABILITY PLAN IMPLICATIONS

1. Economic Sustainability

# STRATEGIC PLAN IMPLICATIONS

1. Ensuring Financial Balance

# FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

The proposed sewer user fee equates to an additional \$24.20 per residence and \$50.92 for commercial properties with less than 10 employees.

	2023 Fees	Increase	2024 Proposed Fees
Residential User Fee	\$655.20	\$24.20	\$679.40
Senior Citizen's Apartment Rate	\$403.20	\$14.90	\$418.10
Commercial Rate	\$1,380.00	\$51.00	\$ 1,431.00

2024 Parcel taxes \$274.

# COMMUNICATIONS

The Sewer User Fee will be communicated through the District of Sechelt's website.

Respectfully submitted, Beverley Smith Manager of Financial Services

Attachment:

1- Sewer Fees Amendment Bylaw 426-19, 2024

### DISTRICT OF SECHELT Sewer User Fees Amendment Bylaw No 426-19, 2024

A bylaw to establish fees for sewage usage for the District of Sechelt

**WHEREAS** the Community Charter, SBC 2003, c 26 provides that a Council may by bylaw impose a fee payable in respect of all or part of a service of the municipality;

**AND WHEREAS** the Council of the District of Sechelt deems it necessary to amend the fees for sewerage usage;

**NOW THEREFORE,** the Council of the District of Sechelt in open meeting assembled enacts as follows:

#### TITLE

1. This bylaw may be cited for all purposes as, "District of Sechelt Sewer User Fees Amendment Bylaw No. 426-19, 2024".

#### DEFINITIONS

3. In this bylaw:

**Council** means the Municipal Council of the District of Sechelt. **District** means the municipal corporation of the District of Sechelt.

#### PROVISIONS

4. 'Schedule A' attached to and forming part of District of Sechelt Sewer User Fees Bylaw No. 426, 2004 is deleted and replaced with the 'Schedule A' attached to and forming part of this Bylaw.

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# Schedule A

Schedule A		<u>Monthly</u>	<u>Annual</u>
		<u>Rate</u>	<u>Rate</u>
1	For each Single Detached Family Residence	\$56.61	\$679.40
	(Including such residence auxiliary to principal use)	<b>\$30.01</b>	<del>,</del> ,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,
2	For each Multiplex residential or apartment unit (including such apartment auxiliary to principal use)	\$56.61	\$679.40
3	For each Senior Citizen's apartment unit	\$34.84	\$418.10
4	School - for each classroom	\$34.84	\$418.10
5	Public and/or non-profit users, e.g., OAP hall, library, fire hall, church (not including manse), not otherwise specified in this Bylaw	\$64.03	\$768.40
6	For each hotel or motel unit:		
	without kitchen	\$34.84	\$418.10
	with kitchen	\$41.33	\$496.00
	manager's suite	\$59.62	\$715.50
7	For each space in mobile home park	\$56.61	\$679.40
8	Rooming house		
	➢ first unit	\$56.61	\$679.40
	each additional boarding room	\$6.76	\$81.10
9	Hospital – Long term care - per bed	\$45.88	\$550.60
10	Laundromat - per washer	\$41.32	\$496.00
11	For each shop, store, lumber yard, barber shop, bank, drug store, florist, auto body shop, warehouse, auto sales:		
	with less than 10 employees	\$119.25	\$1,431.00
	with ten to nineteen employees	\$181.20	\$2,174.40
	with twenty or more employees	\$237.97	\$2,855.60

Sche	edule A Continued	Monthly	<u>Annual</u>
		Rate	<u>Rate</u>
12	Garage or service station:		
	without car wash or sani-dump	\$181.46	\$2,177.50
	additional charge for car wash	water at	metered \$1.37 per meter
13	Car Wash	water at	metered \$1.37 per meter
14	Dry Cleaner	\$181.46	\$2,177.50
15	Bakery	\$181.46	\$2,177.50
16	Bowling Alley	\$181.46	\$2,177.50
17	Beauty Parlour	\$181.46	\$2,177.50
18	Restaurant, Cafeteria, Coffee Shop, Pizza Parlour, Licensed Lounge/Beer Parlour, Pub or Supper Club:		
	> 30 seats or under	\$300.18	\$3,602.20
	> 31 to 75 seats - per seat	\$7.52	\$90.25
	> 76 or more - per seat	\$2.59	\$31.10
19	Surcharge for take-out deli/snack bar service that is ancillary to another operation within the same space (less than 10 seats)	\$113.02	\$1,356.30
20	Take-out Food Service (less than 10 seats)	\$181.46	\$2,177.50
21	Legion	\$604.00	\$7,248.00
22	Office - for each fixture (toilet or urinal plus basin) in an office other than those uses described in 1 - 20 of Schedule "A"	\$118.98	\$1,427.80
23	For all users not herein provided for	\$118.98	\$1,427.80
24	Fish Processing Plant - User Rate per gallon of metered water supply	water at	metered \$1.37 per meter



# **REQUEST FOR DECISION**

TO:	Council	MEETING DATE:	May 8, 2024
FROM:	David Douglas, Director of Financial	Services	
SUBJECT:	Septage Disposal Fees Amendment	t Bylaw No. 483-7, 2024	
FILE NO:	3900-02		

### RECOMMENDATION

That the District of Sechelt's Septage Disposal Fees Amendment Bylaw No. 483-7, 2024 be adopted.

#### PURPOSE

For the District of Sechelt's Septage Disposal Fees Amendment Bylaw No. 483-7, 2024 be adopted.

# OPTIONS

1. Council provide direction to staff concerning Septage Disposal Fees Amendment Bylaw No. 483-7, 2024.

# DISCUSSION

#### Summary

At the May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2024 Council meeting, Council gave 3 readings to the Septage Disposal Fees Amendment Bylaw No. 483-7, 2024. This report is requesting Council to proceed with the fourth reading and final adoption of this bylaw.

#### POLICY AND BYLAW IMPLICATIONS

Council Policy - 2.1.12 – User Fees & Charges, Septage fees would be categorized as full cost recovery by the Council user fee and charges policy:

"Full cost recovery is where the District determines that a service or good or access to a facility provided by the District provides a direct benefit to individuals, groups of individuals or

businesses, a user fee or charge will be imposed to recover the full cost of providing the service, good or access to facility."

# SUSTAINABILITY PLAN IMPLICATIONS

2. Economic Sustainability

### STRATEGIC PLAN IMPLICATIONS

1. Ensuring Financial Balance

### FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

In the 2024-2028 Five-Year Financial plan is the proposed increased to septage operating rates of 3.69%.

# COMMUNICATIONS

The Septage Disposal Fee will be communicated with the haulers and through the District of Sechelt's website.

Respectfully submitted, David Douglas Director of Financial Services

Attachment:

1- Septage Disposal Fees Amendment Bylaw No. 483-7, 2024

#### DISTRICT OF SECHELT Septage Disposal Fees Amendment Bylaw No. 483-7, 2024

A bylaw to amend Septage Disposal Fees Bylaw No. 483, 2009 for the District of Sechelt

**WHEREAS** the Council of the District of Sechelt has adopted "District of Sechelt Septage Disposal Fees Bylaw No. 483, 2009";

**AND WHEREAS** Council deems it appropriate to amend Schedule "A" to Bylaw No. 483, 2009 by increasing general Septage disposal fee;

NOW THEREFORE, the Council of the District of Sechelt in open meeting assembled enacts as follows:

#### TITLE

1. This Bylaw may be cited for all purposes as "District of Sechelt Septage Disposal Fees Amendment Bylaw 483-7, 2024".

#### AMENDMENTS

- 2. Schedule "A" of Bylaw No. 483, 2009 is deleted in its entirety.
- 3. Schedule "A" which is attached to and forms part of this Bylaw, is hereby added to Bylaw No. 483, 2009.

#### DEFINITIONS

3. In this bylaw:

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READ A THIRD TIME THIS	1st	DAY OF	MAY, 2024
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Mayor

**Corporate Officer** 

# Septage Disposal Fees Amendment Bylaw No. 483-7, 2024

#### Schedule "A"

#### SEPTAGE DISPOSAL FEES/REFUNDS

	\$0.61	Per Imperial Gallon
1. General Septage Disposal Fee	Disposal Fee \$0.135 \$135.00	Per Litre
		Per Cubic Meter

	\$0.58	Per Imperial Gallon
2. Refund to property owners with permitted holding tanks;	\$0.128	Per Litre
a BC Health Act Order; or a non-conforming holding tank "acknowledged" by Vancouver Coastal Health Authority	\$128.00	Per Cubic Meter
(with submission of the disposal invoice);		

- 4. The word "acknowledgement" in item 2 to this Schedule 'A' shall be defined as follows:
  - A letter from Vancouver Coastal Health Authority (VCH) acknowledging the existence of a non-conforming holding tank and providing recommended conditions in order for the holding tank to be brought up to date to meet the requirements under Sewerage System Regulation (BC Reg. 326/2004).
  - ii. The District of Sechelt will adhere to any conditions imposed in the letter received from VCH.



# **REQUEST FOR DECISION**

TO:	Council	MEETING DATE:	May 8, 2024
FROM:	Beverley Smith, Manager of Financia	al Services	
SUBJECT:	Fees and Charges Amendment Byla	w No. 575-15, 2024 – Solid Was	ste
FILE NO:	3900-02		

#### RECOMMENDATION

That the Fees and Charges Amendment Bylaw No. 575-15, 2024 be adopted.

#### PURPOSE

To increase the annual household fee for solid waste collection.

#### OPTION

1. Council provide direction to staff regarding Fees and Charges Amendment Bylaw No. 575-15, 2024.

#### DISCUSSION

#### Summary

At the May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2024 Council meeting, Council gave 3 readings to the Fees and Charges Amendment Bylaw No. 575-15, 2024. This report is requesting Council to proceed with the fourth reading and final adoption of this bylaw.

#### POLICY AND BYLAW IMPLICATIONS

*Community Charter* (2003) The District of Sechelt has the authority to implement fees for the collection of solid waste by way of Section 194 of the Community Charter which states: 194 (1) A council may, by bylaw, impose a fee payable in respect of

- a) all or part of a service of the municipality,
- b) the use of municipal property, or
- c) the exercise of authority to regulate, prohibit or impose requirements.

Council Policy 2.1.12 – User Fees & Charges (2013)

The fees proposed follow the guidance provided by Council Policy 2.1.12 – User Fees & Charges which states that the District will impose user fees and charges to recover full cost or a percentage thereof.

# SUSTAINABILITY PLAN IMPLICATIONS

- 1. Environmental Sustainability
- 2. Sustainable Community Growth and Development

# STRATEGIC PLAN IMPLICATIONS

- 1. Effective Growth
- 2. Ensuring Financial Balance

# FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

The levying of fees assists with recouping the contracted costs associated with providing municipal services.

# COMMUNICATIONS

Once the bylaw is adopted, it will be consolidated with the main bylaw and published on the District's website.

Respectfully submitted, Beverley Smith Manager of Financial Services

Attachment:

1- Fees and Charges Amendment Bylaw No. 575-15, 2024

A bylaw to amend Fees and Charges Amendment Bylaw No. 575, 2019 for the District of Sechelt

**WHEREAS** Fees and Charges Bylaw No. 575, 2019 was adopted to impose and charges for all of parts of a service of the municipality;

AND WHEREAS it has deemed appropriate to amend Bylaw No. 575, 2019

**NOW THEREFORE,** the Council of the District of Sechelt in open meeting assembled enacts as follows:

#### TITLE

1. This bylaw may be cited for all purposes as, "Fees and Charges Amendment Bylaw No. 575-15, 2024".

#### AMENDMENTS

2. "District of Sechelt Fees and Charges Bylaw No. 575, 2019" is amended by deleting Schedule H and replacing with the attached Schedule H which forms part of this bylaw.

#### DEFINITIONS

3. In this bylaw:

**Council** means the Municipal Council of the District of Sechelt. **District** means the municipal corporation of the District of Sechelt.

- 4. If any section, subsection or clause of this bylaw is for any reason held to be invalid by the decision of a court of competent jurisdiction, such decision will not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this bylaw.
- 5. The District of Sechelt Fees and Charges Amendment Bylaw No. 575-11, 2023 is hereby repealed.
- 6. That Schedule H is attached to and forms part of this bylaw.

READ A FIRST TIME THIS	1st	DAY OF	MAY, 2024
READ A SECOND TIME THIS	1st	DAY OF	MAY, 2024
READ A THIRD TIME THIS	1st	DAY OF	MAY, 2024
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FEES AND CHARGES BYLAW 575-15, 2024 SCHEDULE H: Solid Waste				
ITEM	Annual Fee	DESCRIPTION		
Annual Solid Waste Collection Charge	\$303	Fee includes pickup of all Solid Waste: Garbage, Recycle & Organics.		
ITEM RV/Sani Dump	<b>FEE</b> \$10	UNIT/DESCRIPTION           Fee per use of the RV Sani           Dump		