

REGIONAL DISTRICT OKANAGAN-SIMILKAMEEN

BYLAW NO. 3082, 2024

A bylaw to establish and operate a Similkameen Transit system within a portion of the Regional District Okanagan-Similkameen.

WHEREAS under Section 332 of the *Local Government Act*, a Regional District may, by bylaw, establish and operate any service the Board considers necessary or desirable for all or part of the Regional District;

AND WHEREAS the Regional District of Okanagan-Similkameen by B.C. Reg. 128/92 dated April 9, 1992 was granted the additional power to provide Transit Systems as local services;

AND WHEREAS the Board of the Regional District wishes to establish a transit service between the Similkameen Valley and the City of Penticton;

AND WHEREAS approval of the electors of the service area was obtained by an alternative approval process in accordance with the *Local Government Act*;

AND WHEREAS the approval of the electors in the participating areas has been obtained in accordance with the *Local Government Act*;

NOW THEREFORE the Board of the Regional District, in open meeting assembled, ENACTS as follows:

1. CITATION

1.1 This bylaw may be cited as the Similkameen Transit System Service Establishment Bylaw No. 3082, 2024.

2. ESTABLISHMENT OF THE SERVICE

2.1 The Board of the Regional District of Okanagan-Similkameen, is empowered and authorized to undertake and carry out, or cause to be undertaken and carried out, provisions of the Transit System Service, and without limiting the generality of the foregoing:

- (a) to acquire all such licenses, rights or authorities as may be required or desirable for or in connection with the provision of said Transit System Service, and
- (b) to enter into contracts with such authorities and companies as may be necessary or appropriate to implement said Transit System Service.

3. BOUNDARIES OF THE SERVICE AREA

3.1 The boundaries of the Similkameen Transit System Service Area are the boundaries of the Town of Princeton, Village of Keremeos, Electoral Areas "B", "G" and "H".

4. PARTICIPATING AREA

4.1 The participating areas in the Similkameen Transit System Service area are the Town of Princeton, Village of Keremeos, and Electoral Areas "B", "G" and "H".

5. COST RECOVERY METHOD

- 5.1 As provided in the *Local Government Act*, the annual costs of the Service shall be recovered by one or more of the following:
- (a) property value taxes imposed in accordance with Division 3;
 - (b) subject to subsection (2) of Section 378, parcel taxes imposed in accordance with Division 3;
 - (c) fees and charges imposed under Section 397 (*imposition of fees and charges*);
 - (d) revenues raised by other means authorized under this or another Act;
 - (e) revenues received by way of agreement, enterprise, gift, grant or otherwise.

6. APPORTIONMENT

6.1 The requisition amount, based on assessed values shall be apportioned as follows:

Town of Princeton	31%
Village of Keremeos	18%
Electoral Area "B"	3%
Electoral Area "G"	34%
Electoral Area "H"	13%

7. LIMIT

7.1 The maximum amount that may be requisitioned annually for the service shall not exceed \$100,000 or \$0.03032 per \$1000 net taxable value of land and improvements in the service area, whichever the greater.

READ A FIRST, SECOND and THIRD TIME this 5th day of September, 2024.

APPROVED BY THE INSPECTOR OF MUNICIPALITIES this 5th day of February, 2025.

RECEIVED APPROVAL OF THE ELECTORS THROUGH ALTERNATIVE APPROVAL PROCESS this 9th day of May, 2025.

ADOPTED this ___ day of ___, 20__.

Board Chair

Corporate Officer

FILED WITH THE INSPECTOR OF MUNICIPALITIES this ___ day of ___, 20__.