

REGIONAL DISTRICT OF OKANAGAN-SIMILKAMEEN

BYLAW NO. 2622, 2013

A bylaw to establish a contribution service for specified funding to support the Similkameen ~~Country~~ Visitor Information Centre.

WHEREAS under s.796 of the *Local Government Act* the Regional District of Okanagan-Similkameen may operate any service that the Board considers necessary or desirable for all or part of the Regional District;

AND WHEREAS the Board of Directors of the Regional District of Okanagan-Similkameen wishes to establish a contribution service to provide specified funding for the Similkameen ~~Country~~ Visitor Information Centre from Electoral Areas "B" and "G" and the Village of Keremeos;

AND WHEREAS the assent of the electors by the alternative approval process within the proposed service area is required pursuant to the *Local Government Act*;

AND WHEREAS the board has resolved by 2/3 vote that participating area approval of this bylaw is to be obtained for the entire proposed service area;

NOW THEREFORE, the Board of the Regional District of Okanagan-Similkameen in open meeting assembled enacts as follows:

Section 1 - Citation

1.1 This Bylaw shall be cited as the "**Similkameen ~~Country~~ Visitor Information Centre Contribution Service Bylaw No. 2622, 2013**"

Section 2 - Establishment of Service

2.1 The contribution service for provision of specific funding to the Similkameen ~~Country~~ Visitor Information Centre is established.

2.2 The Regional District of Okanagan-Similkameen is hereby authorized to undertake and carry out or cause to be carried out the provision of contributions for the Similkameen ~~Country~~ Visitor Information Centre, ~~made payable to the Similkameen Country Development Association.~~

2.3 The service established by this bylaw is limited to the provision of a contribution for the Similkameen ~~Country~~ Visitor Information Centre from the Village of Keremeos, and Electoral Areas "B" and "G".

2.4 Funds provided through this contribution shall be expended in accordance with a Participant Service Agreement ~~executed by all service participants and a signing authority for the Similkameen Country Development Association that includes provision for a yearly audit.~~

Section 3 - Service Area

- 3.1 The boundaries of the service area include the boundaries of the Village of Keremeos, Electoral Areas “B” and “G” within the Regional District of Okanagan-Similkameen.

Section 4 - Participants

- 4.1 The participants of this service are the Village of Keremeos, and Electoral Areas “B” and “G”.

Section 5 - Methods of Cost Recovery

- 5.1 The costs of providing the service established under Section 2 shall be recovered by requisition of money to be collected by property value taxes levied on the net tax value of land and improvements within the service area.

Section 6 – Apportionment

- 6.1 ~~The annual cost for the Similkameen Country Visitor Information Centre contribution service shall be apportioned within the service area on the basis of the following percentages:~~
- ~~— Village of Keremeos — 39.4% —~~
 - ~~— Electoral Area “B” — 30.3% —~~
 - ~~— Electoral Area “G” — 30.3% —~~

Section 7 - Limits

- 7.1 The annual maximum amount that may be requisitioned under the Local Government Act for the Similkameen ~~Country~~ Visitor Information Centre Contribution Service is \$33,000 or \$0.0543 per thousand dollars of net taxable value of land and improvements in the service area.

Section 8 – Service Review and Dispute Resolution

- 8.1 A participant may initiate a bylaw-based service review if the following circumstances apply:
- (i) the participant has been a participant in the service for at least two years; and,
 - (ii) the participant considers that the effectiveness and/or value of the service is not satisfactory.
- 8.2 To initiate a service review, a participant must provide written notice to the Board, all other participants, and the Corporate Officer.
- 8.3 The notice under 8(b) must describe the conditions of involvement in the service that the participant finds unsatisfactory and provide reasons relating to those conditions as to why the participant wishes to initiate a review.
- 8.4 Upon receipt of the notice, the Corporate Officer will secure a date for the participants to review the service.

8.5 If a review does not result in resolution of the matter, a participant may withdraw from the service by providing notice in writing to the Board prior to September 1 of a given year; with the withdrawal taking effect December 31 of the following year.

READ A FIRST, SECOND, AND THIRD TIME this 3rd day of October, 2013

APPROVED BY THE INSPECTOR OF MUNICIPALITIES this 8th day of October, 2013

RECEIVED ASSENT OF THE ELECTORATE THROUGH ALTERNATIVE APPROVAL this 2nd day of December, 2013

ADOPTED this 19th day of December, 2013

RDOS Board Chair

Chief Administrative Officer