



REGIONAL DISTRICT of Fraser-Fort George

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REPORT FOR CONSIDERATION

TO: Chair and Directors File No.: PAR 1.0, 2025

FROM: Cindy Paton, Manager of Community Services

DATE: March 7, 2025

SUBJECT: Proposed Syms Road Street Lighting Service Parcel Tax Imposition Amendment Bylaw No. 3382, 2025

SUMMARY: Purpose: Consider Amending Parcel Tax Imposition Bylaw

Attachments:

1. Consolidated Bylaw No. 2801, 2013
2. Draft Amendment Bylaw No. 3382, 2025

Previous Reports:

None

RECOMMENDATION(S):

1. THAT the report dated March 7, 2025 regarding “Proposed Syms Road Street Lighting Service Parcel Tax Imposition Amendment Bylaw No. 3382, 2025” be received for information.
2. THAT Syms Road Street Lighting Service Parcel Tax Imposition Bylaw No. 2801, 2013, Amendment Bylaw No. 3382, 2025 be now introduced and given first, second and third readings.
3. THAT Syms Road Street Lighting Service Parcel Tax Imposition Bylaw No. 2801, 2013, Amendment Bylaw No. 3382, 2025 be adopted.

ENTITLEMENT	HOW VOTE COUNTED
All 1 Director/1 vote	Majority
All 1 Director/1 vote	Majority
All 1 Director/1 vote	2/3 Majority

ISSUE(S):

In 2013, the Board adopted Syms Road Street Lighting Service Parcel Tax Imposition Bylaw No. 2801, 2013 which provides the authority to impose a parcel tax on real property, as well as identifies the amount of tax to be collected from each property within the service area. When the requisition is increased, the amount of parcel tax to be collected from each taxable property within the service area necessitates the amendment of the parcel tax imposition bylaw to reflect the actual amount to be collected per property. In 2025 the requisition is being increased due to increased street lighting costs.

The Board is being asked to consider three readings and adoption of proposed Amendment Bylaw No. 3382, 2025 which proposes to correctly reflect the amount of parcel tax to be charged per taxable property within the service area.

RELEVANT POLICIES:

1. *Local Government Act* ss. 378 and 388:
 - provides for the cost of a service to be recovered by a parcel tax
 - provides for the collection of taxes in electoral areas
2. *Community Charter* ss. 200
 - outlines content requirements for a parcel tax imposition bylaw

STRATEGIC PRIORITIES ALIGNMENT:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Indigenous and Intergovernmental Partnerships | <input type="checkbox"/> Organizational Strength and Adaptability | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Quality Community Services | <input type="checkbox"/> Environmental Stewardship and Climate Action |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Awareness and Engagement | <input type="checkbox"/> Statutory or Routine Business | | |

SERVICE RELEVANCE:

The purpose of this service is to facilitate street lighting on Syms Road in Electoral Area A.

The annual costs for street lights within the service area are recovered by a parcel tax levied against each parcel liable to taxation.

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATION(S):

The parcel tax requisition for Syms Road Street Lighting Service is proposed to increase from \$1,700 to \$1,800. The number of taxable properties within the service area remains unchanged at 18. This results in an increase to the parcel tax payable, per taxable property, from \$94.44 to \$100.00.

OTHER CONSIDERATION(S):

Proposed Amendment Bylaw No. 3382, 2025 meets the requirements of the *Community Charter* by specifically identifying the amount of tax to be paid per parcel.

DECISION OPTIONS:

1. Approve recommendations.
 - On adoption of Amendment Bylaw No. 3382, 2025 the actual amount to be collected from each taxable property within the service area based on the proposed 2025 budget will be accurately reflected.

Other Options:

- a. do not approve the proposed amendment to the Bylaw
 - the parcel taxes collected will be more than the amount authorized in the parcel tax imposition bylaw and the Regional District will not be in compliance with legislative requirements.

COMMENTS:

Consideration and adoption of Syms Road Street Lighting Service Parcel Tax Imposition Bylaw No. 2801, 2013, Amendment Bylaw No. 3382, 2025 will ensure compliance with the *Community Charter* by identifying the correct amount of parcel tax to be collected from each taxable property within the service area.

Respectfully submitted,

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