



**REGIONAL DISTRICT
of Fraser-Fort George**

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REPORT FOR CONSIDERATION

TO: Chair and Directors File No.: PAR 1.0, 2026

FROM: Terri McConnachie, Manager of Community Services

DATE: March 2, 2026

SUBJECT: Proposed Bear Lake Water Specified Area Parcel Tax Imposition Bylaw No. 2817, 2013, Amendment Bylaw No. 3410, 2026

SUMMARY: Purpose: Consider Amending Parcel Tax Imposition Bylaw
Attachments:
 1. Consolidated Bylaw No. 2817, 2013
 2. Draft Amendment Bylaw No. 3410, 2026
Previous Reports: None

RECOMMENDATION(S):

1. THAT the report dated March 2, 2026 regarding “Proposed Bear Lake Water Specified Area Parcel Tax Imposition Bylaw No. 2817, 2013, Amendment Bylaw No. 3410, 2026” be received for information.
2. THAT “Bear Lake Water Specified Area Parcel Tax Imposition Bylaw No. 2817, 2013, Amendment Bylaw No. 3410, 2026” be now introduced and given first, second and third readings.
3. THAT “Bear Lake Water Specified Area Parcel Tax Imposition Bylaw No. 2817, 2013, Amendment Bylaw No. 3410, 2026” be adopted.

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

ISSUE(S):

In 2013, the Board adopted Bear Lake Water Specified Area Parcel Tax Imposition Bylaw No. 2817, 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 a folio is added to or removed from the service area, or the requisition changes affecting the amount of the parcel tax to be collected from each taxable property within the service area, it necessitates the amendment of the parcel tax imposition bylaw to reflect the actual amount to be collected per property.

The Board is being asked to consider three readings and adoption of proposed “Bear Lake Water Specified Area Parcel Tax Imposition Bylaw No. 2817, 2013, Amendment Bylaw No. 3410, 2026,” 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 area
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 Bear Lake Water System provides drinking water to residential, commercial, and industrial operations in the Bear Lake area. Water is supplied from a groundwater well located south of the settlement area. The Regional District is the purveyor of this system and is responsible to ensure that drinking water is supplied in compliance with the *Drinking Water Protection Act*.

This service is funded by a parcel tax levied against each parcel liable to taxation for Regional Hospital District purposes. In addition to a parcel tax, user fees are collected.

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATION(S):

The parcel tax requisition for the Bear Lake Water Service remains at \$14,160 for 2026, unchanged from 2025. The number of taxable properties has decreased from 116 to 115 within the Bear Lake Water System Service area. This results in an increase to the parcel tax payable per taxable property of \$1.06 from \$122.07 to \$123.13.

OTHER CONSIDERATION(S):

Proposed Bear Lake Water Specified Area Parcel Tax Imposition Bylaw No. 2817, 2013, Amendment Bylaw No. 3410, 2026 meets the requirements of the *Community Charter* by specifically identifying the amount of tax to be paid per property.

DECISION OPTIONS:

1. Approve recommendations.
 - Bear Lake Water Specified Area Parcel Tax Imposition Bylaw No. 2817, 2013, Amendment Bylaw No. 3410, 2026 will reflect the actual amount to be collected from each taxable property within the service area.

Other Options:

- a. do not approve amendment to bylaw
 - the parcel taxes collected will be less 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 “Bear Lake Water Specified Area Parcel Tax Imposition Bylaw No. 2817, 2013, Amendment Bylaw No. 3410, 2026” 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,

“Terri McConnachie”

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 Manager of Community Services

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