



Regular Meeting of Council
April 4, 2022 at 7:00 pm in the
Council Chambers of the Village Office
Agenda

CALL TO ORDER

INTRODUCTION OF LATE ITEMS

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held March 22, 2022

PUBLIC AND STATUTORY HEARINGS

DELEGATIONS

ADMINISTRATION REPORTS

M. Roy – Deputy Mayor

G. Morphy – Snow Damage

REPORTS FROM COUNCIL

INFORMATION ITEMS

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

BYLAWS

Financial Plan Bylaw No. 738, 2022

Animal Control and Pound Bylaw No. 736, 2022

Business Licencing Amendment Bylaw No. 735.1, 2022

Next Step

(Adoption)

(3 Readings)

(3 Readings)

Unightly Premise Amendment Bylaw No. 666.1, 2022

(3 Readings)

Water Rates Amendment Bylaw No. 613.10, 2022

(3 Readings)

CORRESPONDENCE

Park Use Application: ATV Club

Park Use Application: Legion – Requesting free use.

Park Use Application: Vancouver Island Whitewater Paddling Society

UBCM: Invoice

Block Correspondence:

Bill C-216 – Support for Expungement

District of Elkford – Milk Container Recycling

District of Ucluelet – Single Use Plastic Ban

Restaurant and Beverage – Recommendations to BC Government

NCLGA – Prolific Offenders

Village of New Denver – Russia Invasion

QUESTION PERIOD

NEW BUSINESS

MOTION TO ADJOURN IN CAMERA

RISE AND REPORT

ADJOURNMENT

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Council of the Village of Gold River held March 21, 2022 in Council Chambers, Municipal Hall, 499 Muchalat Drive, Gold River B.C. commencing at 7:00 pm.

PRESENT: Mayor B. Unger
Councillor B. Patrick
Councillor R. Stratton
Councillor K. Begon

STAFF: Glenn Morphy, Director of Operations
Luke Charlton, Deputy Corporate Officer

REGRETS: Councillor J. Sinclair

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm.

INTRODUCTION OF LATE ITEMS

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOVED/SECONDED THAT the agenda be adopted.

CARRIED

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held March 7, 2022.

MOVED/SECONDED THAT the minutes be adopted as presented.

CARRIED

PUBLIC AND STATUTORY HEARINGS

Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 706.8, 2022

Mayor Unger recessed the Regular Meeting to proceed to the Public Hearing at 7:01pm.

Mayor Unger recalled the Regular Meeting to order at 7:20pm.

MOVED/SECONDED THAT the Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 706.8, 2022 be received.

CARRIED

MOVED/SECONDED THAT Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 706.8, 2022 be read for a third time and adopted.

CARRIED

ADMINISTRATION REPORTS

Jack Christensen Centre: Chamber of Commerce, and Museum and Archive Society

MOVED/SECONDED THAT Council approve the Gold River Chamber of Commerce, and the Gold River Museum and Archive Society for the use of space at the Jack Christensen Centre for the year 2022 and

that the annual rate of \$270 per room (9 months x \$30) apply.

CARRIED

M. Roy – Grant Opportunity: Emergency Operations Centre

MOVED/SECONDED THAT the report from the Chief Administrative Officer be received.

CARRIED

MOVED/SECONDED THAT as part of the Village of Gold River's ongoing work in relation to tsunami warning that an application for financial assistance under the Community Emergency Preparedness Fund 2022 Emergency Operation Centre grant be authorized for submission to the UBCM in collaboration with the Strathcona Regional District; and THAT the Village of Gold River agrees to the SRD submitting an application on their behalf, and that if funded, agree to the SRD managing the grant and being the recipient of all funding.

CARRIED

Reports From Council

BYLAWS

Fees and Charges Amendment Bylaw No. 734.1, 2022

MOVED/SECONDED THAT Council adopt the Village of Gold River Fees and Charges Amendment Bylaw No. 734.1, 2022.

CARRIED

Financial Plan Bylaw No. 738, 2022

MOVED/SECONDED THAT Council give third reading to the Village of Gold River Financial Plan Bylaw No. 738, 2022.

CARRIED

Trade Waste and Garbage Amendment Bylaw No. 612.12, 2022

MOVED/SECONDED THAT Council adopt the Village of Gold River Trade Waste and Garbage Amendment Bylaw No. 612.12, 2022.

CARRIED

Water Rates and Regulations Amendment Bylaw No. 613.09, 2022

MOVED/SECONDED THAT Council adopt the Village of Gold River Water Rates and Regulations Amendment Bylaw No. 613.09, 2022.

CARRIED

Sewer Rates Amendment Bylaw No. 614.11, 2022

MOVED/SECONDED THAT Council adopt the Village of Gold River Sewer Rates Amendment Bylaw No. 614.11, 2022.

CARRIED

CORRESPONDENCE

Federation of Canadian Municipalities

MOVED/SECONDED THAT Council approve the purchase of an annual membership with the Federation of Canadian Municipalities.

CARRIED

Resignation: Melissa McLachlan

MOVED/SECONDED THAT Council receive Melissa's resignation for information.

CARRIED

Block Correspondence:

Abbotsford – Build Back Better Resolution

Cathy Peters – BC Anti-Human Trafficking

MOVED/SECONDED THAT Council receive the block correspondence for information.

CARRIED

NEW BUSINESS

Secondary Suites Report

MOVED/SECONDED THAT staff present a report to Council on the viability of secondary suites and tiny homes in Gold River.

CARRIED

ADJOURNMENT

MOVED/SECONDED THAT the meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED

Time: 8:15 pm.

B. Unger

Mayor

L. Charlton

Deputy Corporate Administrator

Certified by the Deputy Corporate
Administrator:

L. Charlton

Deputy Corporate Administrator

Village of Gold River REPORT TO COUNCIL

Regular Council Meeting
April 4, 2022

Author: Michael Roy

Subject: Deputy Mayor Appointment

RECOMMENDATION(S):

That Council move and second Councillor Stratton be appointed as Deputy Mayor for the 2022

ALTERNATIVE(S):

None

PURPOSE

To change the Deputy Mayor appointment for 2022.

ATTACHMENT(S):

None

DISCUSSION

Mayor Unger is recommending that Councillor Stratton be appointed as the Deputy Mayor for the remainder of the 2022 term.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

NONE

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

NONE

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

NONE

CAO Concurrence: _____

Respectfully submitted,

Michael Roy
Chief Administrative Officer
Village of Gold River

Village of Gold River

INFORMATION REPORT TO COUNCIL

**Regular Council Meeting
April 4, 2022**

Author: G. Morphy – Director of Operations

**Subject: Anne Fiddick Aquatic Centre and Gerry Morgan Memorial Centre -
2021/2022 Snow Events Damage Report**

ATTACHMENTS:

- a) Gerry Morgan Memorial Centre – Photo damage examples
- b) Anne Fiddick Fitness Centre – Photo damage examples
- c) Sinclair Field – Photo damage examples

PURPOSE:

The purpose of this report is to provide Council with an update on extensive damage to Village facilities and downed dangerous trees, resulting from snow events during the 2021/2022 winter season.

DISCUSSION:

Staff are currently working closely with Municipal Insurance Association (MIA) and contractors to determine and assess damage to a number of Village facilities. Those being the Anne Fiddick Fitness Centre, Gerry Morgan Memorial Centre, Sinclair Field, Utilities pipe/material storage building, and Village wide downed/dangerous tree removal(s).

Below are the damages determined for each facility including estimates for the repairs.

Anne Fiddick Fitness Centre

- a) Gutter/down spouts removal and replacement - \$5,000.00

Gerry Morgan Memorial Centre

- a) Replace snow dams - \$25,000.00
- b) Gutter/down spouts removal and replacement – \$15,000.00
- c) Repair and patch roof damage (leaks) – \$7,000.00
- d) Two-way radio antenna/cable and technicians - \$1,500.00
- e) Telephone cable and technicians - \$2,500.00
- f) Internet cable and technicians - \$3,500.00

Sinclair Field

- a) Remove and replace 12m of ball field back stop - \$12,000.00

Utilities pipe/material storage building

- a) Gutter/down spouts removal and replacement - \$5,000.00

Village wide downed/dangerous tree removal(s)

- a) Tree faller/removal service - \$5,000.00

Total estimated costs = \$81,500.00

These events knocked out services to the recreation facilities for approximately three weeks.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

\$10,000.00 insurance deductible potential.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS:

None.

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS:

None.

STRATGIC PLAN ALIGNMENT:

N/A.

SUMMARY:

The Operations Department is currently working with contractors and the Municipal Insurance Association (MIA) in coordinating the repairs, estimates and claim processing.

Respectfully submitted,

Glenn Morphy
Director of Operations
Village of Gold River

Supported by CAO: _____

Attachment A



Attachment A Con't



Attachment A Con't



Attachment A Con't



Attachment B



Attachment B Con't



Attachment C



Attachment C Con't



Bylaw No. 738, 2022

Village of Gold River
Five Year Financial Plan Bylaw No. 738, 2022 – Schedule “A”

	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026
REVENUE					
Taxation	1,135,114	1,212,927	1,308,081	1,814,629	1,993,741
Payment in lieu of taxes	10,870	11,310	11,770	12,250	12,740
Utility Fees	542,660	580,577	626,944	683,280	751,508
Sale of services	656,419	631,396	633,728	636,818	640,485
Wharf Services	291,500	81,500	291,500	81,500	291,500
Investment Income	96,000	96,000	96,000	96,000	96,000
Grants	1,165,359	562,712	472,712	490,212	532,712
Miscellaneous	37,500	37,500	37,500	37,500	37,500
	3,935,422	3,213,922	3,478,235	3,852,189	4,356,186
EXPENSES					
General government	998,397	857,009	842,674	858,662	888,978
Protective services	190,125	176,201	177,781	179,392	181,035
Transportation services	453,795	472,824	452,806	459,934	467,213
Solid waste and recycling	342,689	349,258	355,936	362,747	369,696
Community development services	204,708	107,244	68,784	78,258	71,767
Wharf services	58,900	29,724	30,420	31,135	31,870
Parks, recreation and cultural services	1,132,338	1,136,828	1,190,627	1,161,892	1,176,128
Water utility	310,422	299,427	287,694	293,078	298,581
Sewer utility	467,374	433,729	436,852	427,091	432,444
Amortization	478,402	478,402	478,402	478,402	478,402
	4,637,150	4,340,646	4,321,976	4,330,591	4,396,114
Operating Surplus/(Deficit)	(701,728)	(1,126,724)	(843,741)	(478,402)	(39,928)
Adjust for Non-Cash Items (Amortization)	478,402	478,402	478,402	478,402	478,402
Tangible Capital Asset Acquisition	(946,879)	(315,000)	(422,000)	(1,028,000)	(252,000)
Transfer from Reserves	592,029	295,000	422,000	1,028,000	192,000
Appropriation (from)/to Surplus	(578,176)	(668,322)	(365,339)	(0)	378,474

Village of Gold River
Five Year Financial Plan Bylaw No. 738, 2022 – Schedule “B”

	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026
Projects - TCA					
Other Government Funding	140,000	-	-	-	-
Grants	214,850	20,000	-	-	60,000
Municipal Dock Reserve	340,000	-	75,000	-	-
General Capital Reserve	252,029	295,000	347,000	378,000	192,000
Sewer Reserve	-	-	-	325,000	-
Water Reserve	-	-	-	325,000	-
	946,879	315,000	422,000	1,028,000	252,000
 General government	-	-	-	150,000	-
Protective services	57,029	-	-	-	-
Transportation services	160,000	75,000	300,000	173,000	120,000
Wharf services	480,000	-	75,000	-	-
Parks, recreation and cultural services	35,000	240,000	47,000	55,000	132,000
Water utility	62,425	-	-	325,000	-
Sewer utility	152,425	-	-	325,000	-
	946,879	315,000	422,000	1,028,000	252,000

* These values are extracted from Schedule “A” to provided further detail on capital projects.

Village of Gold River
Five Year Financial Plan Bylaw No. 738, 2022 – Schedule “C”

STATEMENT OF OBJECTIVES & POLICIES

In accordance with Section 165(3.1) of the Community Charter, the Municipal Council of the Village of Gold River is required to include in the Five Year Financial Plan, objectives and policies regarding each of the following:

- a) The proportion of total revenue that is proposed to come from each of the funding sources described in Section 165(7) of the Community Charter;
- b) The distribution of property taxes among the property classes; and
- c) The use of permissive tax exemptions.

FUNDING SOURCES

Table (1) shows the proportion of total revenue proposed to be raised from each funding source in 2022. Property value taxes and utility fees normally form the greatest portion of the revenues for most municipalities but in Gold River we receive significant revenue from other sources such as Interest, Sales of Service and Grants, which can fluctuate and negatively or positively affect the Village financial situation. The system of property taxation and utility fees is relatively easy to administer and understand. Property taxes provide a stable and consistent source of revenue for many services that are difficult or undesirable to fund on a user pay basis. These include services such as Roads, Fire Protection, Bylaw Enforcement, the Library, Administration, etc. For these reasons, property value taxation will continue to be a significant source of municipal revenue.

User fees and charges form a significant portion of planned revenue. Many municipal services such as water, sewer and solid waste services can be measured and charged for on a user pay basis. This basis attempts to fairly apportion the value of a municipal service to those who make use of it. Currently in Gold River for residential properties the fees are a flat rate rather than a measured or metered fee.

Other sources include a variety of revenues such as grants, investment income, sales of service etc. In Gold River these provide a higher than normal proportion of our revenues compared to many other small communities. Over 50% of Village revenues come from these non-property tax and utility fees which introduces a risk to our annual revenue forecast. These sources are very beneficial but often these revenues fluctuate with economic conditions, are less predictable, less stable and uncertain. The fluctuation of these revenues is often beyond the control of Village Council (i.e. interest rates) yet can have significant impact on the Village Budget and Services and expose our budget to a revenue risk should these revenues not materialize. Infrastructure Grants are tied to expenditures and communities require sufficient available funding to ensure they can meet their proportionate share of the infrastructure project. Approval of Grant Funding can significantly affect the proportionate distribution of Revenue Sources in any given year resulting in large fluctuations from year to year in Revenue Sources.

Policy:

Council reviews the source of revenues for the Village annually during the Five-Year Plan planning process. Through this process Council considers the tax burden, user fees, and other sources of funding in proportion to the planned services and expenditure program for the Village. Council determines the appropriateness of the level of services and expenditures in relation to the available funding sources and the impact or the burden of costs for these services and expenditures between property taxes, user fees and other sources of funding and considers if changes to the allocation of funding sources should be implemented.

Objective:

To review the appropriateness of total revenue proposed to come from each funding source for the planned services and expenditures and to ensure the sustainability of the funding sources to continue to provide the services in the future.

Table 1: Proportions of total revenue

Revenue Source	% of Revenue	Value
Property Value Taxes	28.2%	1,111,609
Utility Fees	21.8%	859,660
Grants	29.6%	1,165,359
Investment Income	2.4%	96,000
Sales of Service	16.0%	630,919
Other Sources	1.8%	71,875
Total	100.0%	3,935,422

The Distribution of Property Taxes among the property classes:

Table (2) provided below, outlines the distribution of property tax revenue among the property classes. The practice of Council has been to set tax rates in order to maintain tax stability. This is accomplished by maintaining the proportionate relationship between the property classes, while taking into account for new construction values, deletions from the tax roll and changes in property classes that are considered to be significant and affect the proportionate relationship. Council reviews the proportionate relationships between classes caused by various factors and attempts to ensure a reasonable and fair allocation of taxes between classes to provide for the services identified within the Five-Year Financial Plan. This practice allows the various taxpayers in the municipality to be confident that in any year, depending on proportionate assessment changes within property tax assessment class, their property tax bill will increase proportionately to the increase in tax revenue required year over year, taking into effect greater or lesser assessment increases of their property to the assessment class average.

Policy:

The tax policy of Council in setting the distribution of property taxes over time may take into consideration factors such as significant new or lost tax base, philosophy of taxing apportionment, economic factors or initiatives to maintain, promote or encourage specific sectors with respect to investment in the community. As part of the establishment of the annual tax rates Council reviews the distribution of taxes between tax classes and the appropriateness of the allocation.

Objective:

To provide a fair and reasonable tax allocation policy between tax classes in order to provide a suitable level of community services on an affordable basis to residential and non-residential property classes.

Table 2: Distribution of property taxes among the property classes

Property Class	% of Property Value Tax	2022 Dollar Value
(1) Residential	58.63%	\$651,724
(2) Utilities	0.48%	\$5,291
(5) Light Industry	18.87%	\$209,722
(6) Business	22.02%	\$244,748
(8) Rec/Non-profit	0.01%	\$125
Total	100%	\$1,111,609

The use of permissive tax exemptions:

The Annual Municipal Report for 2021 contains a list of permissive exemptions granted for the taxation year and the amount of tax foregone. This list demonstrates the policy of Council those permissive exemptions are granted to not-for-profit institutions that form a valuable part of our community. These include religious institutions, historical societies, some recreational facilities, service and cultural organizations.

Policy:

Council will continue to support local not for profit organizations through permissive tax exemptions that provide beneficial services to the community. Where appropriate Council may consider utilizing its expanded power under the Community Charter to provide permissive exemptions as allowed for in the Community Charter to property owners who contribute to our community in beneficial ways. These may include investments made in greenhouse gas reduction technology or alternative energy, the provision of affordable housing, or revitalization of buildings or areas of the municipality.

Objective:

Council will examine its permissive tax exemption policy to determine if it should be expanded in the future to include new opportunities as allowed for under the *Community Charter*.

Village of Gold River REPORT TO COUNCIL

Author: Luke Charlton, Deputy Corporate Officer

Regular Council Meeting

Subject: Bylaw Notice Updates

April 4, 2022

RECOMMENDATION(S):

THAT Council give first, second, and third reading to the Village of Gold River Animal Control and Pound Bylaw No. 736, 2022; AND,

THAT Council give first, second, and third reading to the Village of Gold River Business Licence Amendment Bylaw No. 735.1, 2022; AND,

THAT Council give first, second, and third reading to the Village of Gold River Unsightly Premise Amendment Bylaw No. 666.1, 2022.

ALTERNATIVE(S):

THAT Council receive this report for information.

PURPOSE

This bylaw provides updates that allows for the enforcement by bylaw notice.

ATTACHMENT(S):

Village of Gold River Animal Control and Pound Bylaw No. 736, 2022.

Village of Gold River Business Licence Amendment Bylaw No. 735.1, 2022.

Village of Gold River Unsightly Premise Amendment Bylaw No. 666.1, 2022.

DISCUSSION

As part of the Village's effort to enable a Bylaw Notice enforcement system we are providing bylaw updates to enable enforcement on several bylaws. In these specific updates, the *Business Licence Bylaw* will allow a bylaw officer to enforce against the failure to obtain a business licence.

In the *Animal Control and Pound Bylaw* updates were included to enable enforcement through bylaw notice. Additionally, there are changes throughout the bylaw updating definitions, references, and procedures to be aligned with standard practices in local government. Of these changes the most notable changes revolved around establishing when a dog may be Seized or Impounded that aligns with sections 48 and 49 of the *Community Charter*. An appeal procedure is also established whereby an owner can take their appeal to Council if they disagree with the Bylaw Officer that their dog is an "Aggressive Dog".

Finally, the *Unsightly Premise Amendment Bylaw* adds in verbiage that enables enforcement through bylaw notice.

The next steps in enabling enforcement through bylaw notices includes amendments to the Parks Use Bylaw, Noise Control Bylaw, Street and Traffic Bylaw, Fireworks and Firearms, and enacting the Bylaw Notice Enforcement Bylaw.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

None.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

None.

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

None.

STRATGIC PLAN ALIGNMENT

None.

Supported by: M. Roy, CAO

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Luke Charlton', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Luke Charlton, MPA
Deputy Corporate Officer
Village of Gold River

VILLAGE OF GOLD RIVER

BYLAW NO. 736, 2022

A BYLAW TO PROVIDE FOR THE CONTROL AND LICENSING OF DOGS AND OTHER ANIMALS

WHEREAS pursuant to Section 8 of the Community Charter Council, may by bylaw, regulate, prohibit and impose requirements in relation to animals;

WHEREAS Section 48 of the Community Charter provides Council authority to regulate the keeping of dogs and other animals in the municipality; And,

WHEREAS Section 49 of the Community Charter provides special powers in relation to dangerous dogs;

NOW THEREFORE the Council of the Village of Gold River, in open meeting assembled, enacts as follows:

1. CITATION

- 1.1. This Bylaw shall be cited for all purposes as the "Village of Gold River Animal Control and Pound Bylaw No. 736, 2022".

2. DEFINITIONS

- 2.1. **"Aggressive Dog"** means a Dog that is a Dangerous or has, in the absence of a Mitigating Factor:
 - a. aggressively pursued or harassed a person or Animal;
 - b. displayed aggressive behaviour including, but not limited to, growling, snarling, lunging; or
 - c. displayed a disposition, propensity or potential to attack or injure a person or Animal; or presented a continuing threat of serious harm to humans or Animals.
- 2.2. **"Animal"** means any dog or domestic animal.
- 2.3. **"At Large"** means not being under the direct and continuous control of the Owner either by being:
 - a. securely contained or tethered in or upon the property of the its Owner;
 - b. securely confined within a building or escape proof enclosure; or
 - c. in the care and control of a Competent Person who is exercising direct control over it.
- 2.4. **"Basic Care"** means the provision of:
 - a. adequate and appropriate food and potable water in sanitary receptacles;
 - b. shelter in an area of sufficient size and which is maintained to prevent the animal from suffering discomfort and which includes clean bedding material;
 - c. adequate exercise; and
 - d. veterinary care as may be required to maintain the health and comfort of the particular Animal.
- 2.5. **"Bylaw Enforcement Officer"** means the person or persons appointed by the Council as a Bylaw Enforcement Officer, Public Safety Officer, Animal Control Officer, and members of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police.
- 2.6. **"Competent Person"** means a person who is physically and mentally able to control a Dog and to ensure compliance with this Bylaw.
- 2.7. **"Council"** means the Municipal Council of the Village of Gold River.
- 2.8. **"Dangerous Dog"** means a 'dangerous dog' as defined under section 49 of the *Community Charter*.
- 2.9. **"Defecate"** means to discharge Faeces from the body.

- 2.10. **“Dog”** means any Animal of the canis familiaris species irrespective of age or sex.
- 2.11. **“Dog Licence”** means a licence for a dog for the current licencing year that has been paid for and that has been issued by the municipality.
- 2.12. **“Enclosure”** means a fence or structure of at least 6 feet in height, forming an enclosure capable of preventing the entry of a child under the age of 10 years and adequately constructed to prevent a dog from escaping.
- 2.13. **“Faeces”** means waste matter discharged from the bowels.
- 2.14. **“Leash”** means a device, or use of a device, made of metal, nylon or other similar strong material no more than 2 meters (6.6 feet) in length and of sufficient strength and design to restrain the size and strength of a dog for which it will be used. One end must remain securely affixed to a collar or harness securely attached to the animal with the other end held by a person capable of controlling the dog at all times.
- 2.15. **“Kennel”** means a parcel where four or more dogs are kept, trained, cared for, bred, treated, hospitalized or boarded for personal enjoyment, for remuneration or for the purpose of sale.
- 2.16. **“Mitigating Factor”** means a circumstance that excuses the aggressive behaviour of a Dog and includes:
- a. responding to an attack by a person or aggressive Animal;
 - b. responding to an attack by a person or aggressive Animal on the Dog’s offspring;
 - c. responding to teasing, provocation or torment;
 - d. protecting its Owner from physical harm; or
 - e. defending the real or personal property of its Owner from trespass, damage or theft.
- 2.17. **“Owner”** means any person”
- a. owning, possessing or harbouring a Dog or other Animal;
 - b. having care and control over a Dog or other Animal; or
 - c. suffering or permitting a Dog or other Animal to remaining about the person’s property.
- 2.18. **“Pound”** means:
- a. premises or vehicles used by the Poundkeeper to harbour and maintain animals pursuant to this bylaw; or
 - b. a premise designated by contract with the Village for the impoundment, care and feeding of animals pursuant to this bylaw.
- 2.19. **“Poundkeeper”** means a person or persons appointed from time to time by Council, to be the Poundkeeper, or the authorized agent of any corporation or society with whom Council has an agreement to act as poundkeeper, or any person or persons that Council may authorize to assist the poundkeeper to enforce this Bylaw.
- 2.20. **“Unlicensed”** means a Dog:
- a. for which the licence for the current year has not been obtained; or
 - b. to which a licence tag is not attached.
- 2.21. **“Village”** means the Village of Gold River.

3. LICENSING REQUIREMENTS

- 3.1. The Owner of a Dog is responsible for providing proof that:
- a. their Dog is spayed or neutered; and
 - b. their Dog is less than three months of age.

- 3.2. An Owner of a Dog that is three months of age or older must:
 - a. obtain a licence for that Dog for the current calendar year; and
 - b. must thereafter obtain a new licence for each subsequent calendar year.
- 3.3. A Dog License issued pursuant to this bylaw expires on the 31st day of December of the licencing year.
- 3.4. A Dog License shall be worn only by the Dog for which it is issued and is not transferable to another Dog, or to an Owner other than the person to whom the licence was issued.
- 3.5. A licence may be issued to a person under the age of sixteen years if the applicant for the licence is accompanied by a written consent of the parent or guardian of the applicant, and in that case the parent or guardian is deemed to be the Owner of the Dog for the purpose of this bylaw.
- 3.6. At the time of application, the Owner shall pay the applicable licence fee.
- 3.7. The Owner may pay the reduced fee for neutered or spayed Dogs provided the Owner:
 - a. presents a certificate signed by a duly qualified veterinarian saying that the Dog is neutered, spayed or the Dog is incapable of producing offspring; or
 - b. executes a statutory declaration declaring that the Dog is neutered or spayed.
- 3.8. Every Owner shall:
 - a. affix the tag to the Dog's collar or harness; and
 - b. ensure that the collar and tag are worn by the Dog.
- 3.9. When a tag is lost or destroyed, the Village will issue a replacement tag upon payment of the prescribed fee.
- 3.10. License fees are non-refundable.
- 3.11. No household shall keep or have in their possession more than three (3) dogs over the age of three (3) months. Where any owner possesses or harbors four (4) or more dogs they shall be deemed to own a Kennel subject to the current land use, subdivision or zoning bylaw of the municipality, and further the annual licence fee payable shall be subject to the current business licence bylaw of the municipality.

4. RESPONSIBILITY OF OWNER

- 4.1. Every Owner shall take effective measures to ensure that their dog:
 - a. is not At Large
 - b. does not bite or attack a domestic animal or person; or
 - c. does not damage public or private property.
- 4.2. Every Owner shall keep their Dog Leashed when the Dog is in a public place unless that place has been designated an off-leash area.
- 4.3. Despite subsection 4.1 (a) Council may by resolution designate off-leash areas where licensed Dogs are permitted to be At Large.
- 4.4. Every Owner of an Aggressive Dog shall at all times, while the dog is anywhere else than on lands or premises owned or occupied by the dog owner, keep the dog muzzled and leashed to prevent it from attacking another animal or human, or causing damage to public or private property.
- 4.5. Every Owner of an Aggressive Dog shall at all times, while the dog is on land or premises owned or occupied by the dog owner, keep the dog securely confined either indoors or in an Enclosure.
- 4.6. Every Owner of a female Dog in heat shall keep the Dog on the Owner's property and:
 - a. confined indoors under the effective control of a Competent Person over the age of sixteen (16) years;

- b. confined within a securely fenced side or rear yard where the fence is of adequate design and dimension to prevent the Dog from escaping the yard and any gate in such fenced areas shall be locked at all times when the Dog is in the fenced area;
 - c. confined in a Secure Enclosure; or
 - d. securely Leashed or harnessed with a non-retractable Leash no more than two (2) metres in length and under the effective control of a Competent Person over the age of sixteen (16) years.
- 4.7. No person shall rescue or attempt to rescue an animal lawfully in custody of the Poundkeeper, police officer or bylaw enforcement officer pursuant to this bylaw. Further it is an offence to resist, obstruct or interfere with the Poundkeeper in the performance or course of their duties.
- 4.8. No person shall keep, harbour, house or maintain within the municipality a dangerous or habitually noisy Dog.
- 4.9. No person shall keep Dogs or animals to the extent of creating a nuisance, disturbance or public health hazard.
- 4.10. Owner must immediately remove feces deposited by the Owner's Dog on property other than the Owner's property.
- 4.11. Owner shall permit or allow their Dog on any school ground, playground or park where Dogs are expressly prohibited.

5. CARE OF ANIMALS

- 5.1. No person shall keep an animal in the Village unless the animal is provided with Basic Care.
- 5.2. No person shall confine an Animal in any motor vehicle or enclosed area without providing adequate ventilation to prevent the Animal from suffering from distress, discomfort or injury due to heat.

6. AGGRESSIVE DOGS

- 6.1. Owner of an Aggressive Dog shall:
 - a. take all necessary steps to ensure that the Dog does not bite, chase or attack any person, cat or Animal;
 - b. when the Dog is on the Owner's property keep the Dog:
 - i. confined indoors under the effective control of a Competent Person over the age of sixteen (16) years;
 - ii. confined within a securely fenced side or rear yard where the fence is of adequate design and dimension to prevent the Dog from escaping the yard and any gate in such fenced areas is locked at all times when the Dog is in the fenced area; or
 - iii. confined in a Secure Enclosure;
 - c. when the Dog is off the Owner's property keep the Dog harnessed or leashed securely with a non-retractable Leash no more than two (2) metres in length and under the effective control of Competent Person over the age of sixteen (16) years to effectively prevent it from attacking or biting a person or Animal;
 - d. notify the Bylaw Enforcement Officer within forty-eight (48) hours of:
 - i. any changes in residency or ownership of the Dog; or
 - ii. the death of the Dog.

7. KENNELS

- 7.1. An owner of a Kennel shall apply to the Village for a Kennel licence and upon payment of the prescribed fee and proof of compliance with all other relevant Village bylaws, the owner shall be issued a Kennel licence and licence tags for each dog kept in the Kennel

- 7.2. A Kennel licence is not a substitute for a licence required by the Village business licence bylaw and does not relieve the owner of a Kennel from compliance with that bylaw nor any other relevant bylaw of the Village.
- 7.3. No person shall:
- have or keep more than ten (10) dogs in a kennel;
 - permit or cause a dog to be unattended or uncontrolled in an open-air run in a Kennel between the hours of 9:00 p.m. and 7:00 a.m.;
 - allow a dog to run loose in a Kennel except in an adequately fenced area;
 - permit or cause barking, yelping, howling or other frequent noise to emanate from a kennel.
- 7.4. The owner or operator of a Kennel shall
- ensure that all dogs in the Kennel are under control and are restrained from frequent barking, yelping, howling or making other noise;
 - keep the Kennel at all times in good repair;
 - keep the Kennel and yard surrounding it at all times in a clean and sanitary condition and free of vermin and rodents;
 - collect all uneaten food from the Kennel daily, wrap it and place it in a garbage can for collection;
 - dispose of all manure, dung or refuse and all liquid wastes from the Kennel in a manner which meets the approval of the Medical Health Officer and the Village;
 - dispose of all hair clippings and waste paper in a sanitary manner; and
 - keep the Kennel regularly cleaned and disinfected and free of any offensive or disagreeable odors to the satisfaction of the Medical Health Officer.

8. NOTICE

- 8.1. Where a Bylaw Enforcement Officer has reason to believe that a Dog is an Aggressive Dog, the Bylaw Enforcement Officer may issue and serve upon the Owner a notice in letter form stating that the Owner's Dog meets the definition of an Aggressive Dog and advising the owner of the requirement set out in sections 6 as they apply to the Owner's Dog.
- 8.2. The notice set out in subsection 8.1 may be served on the Owner by:
- personally handing the notice to the Owner;
 - handing the notice to an adult person on the Owner's property;
 - posting the notice upon some part of the Owner's property and by sending a copy by regular mail; or
 - mailing a copy by prepaid registered mail to the last known address of the Owner.
- 8.3. Where the notice is delivered by the methods set out in subsections 8.2 (c) or (d) the notice shall be deemed to be served seven days after the notice was mailed.
- 8.4. The notice set out in section 8.1 shall include a statement advising the Owner of the Dog of the ability to appeal the determination of the Bylaw Enforcement Officer to Council.

9. APPEAL

- 9.1. Owner of a Dog who has received a notice pursuant to subsection 8.1 of this Bylaw may appeal the findings of the Bylaw Enforcement Officer to Council within thirty (30) days of service of the notice and Council may hold a hearing to determine the merits of the Owner's appeal.
- 9.2. Upon receipt of an application for an appeal, the Village shall give the Owner of the Dog at least seven (7) days written notice of the appeal hearing.
- 9.3. After a hearing Council may confirm or reverse the findings of the Bylaw Enforcement Officer.

10. RESPONSIBILITY OF VILLAGE ADMINISTRATION

- 10.1. The Council may establish one or more pounds for the keeping and impounding of Dogs and the Poundkeeper shall make all rules and regulations not inconsistent with this Bylaw pertaining to the administration of the pounds.
- 10.2. Designated Village staff shall keep a record for each licence issued which shall include:
 - a. the full name and address of the Owner;
 - b. the breed, colour, and sex;
 - c. the number stamped on the tag issued to the Owner; and
 - d. the amount of licence fee paid by the Owner.

11. SEIZURE AND IMPOUNDMENT

- 11.1. The Poundkeeper or Bylaw Enforcement Officer may seize and impound:
 - a. an Animal unlawfully At Large on a highway or in a public place;
 - b. an Unlicensed Dog;
 - c. an Animal straying or trespassing on private property;
 - d. an Animal on unfenced land and not securely tethered or contained;
 - e. an Animal that the Poundkeeper or Bylaw Enforcement Officer determines is subject to suffering;
or,
 - f. an Animal designated as a dangerous dog.
- 11.2. Where an Animal has been seized and impounded pursuant to subsection 11.1 (e) of this Bylaw and the Poundkeeper or Bylaw Enforcement Officer determines that the Animal's suffering cannot be otherwise reasonably addressed, the Village or the Poundkeeper may retain a veterinarian licensed to practice in British Columbia to humanely destroy the Animal.
- 11.3. Where an Animal has been seized under section 11.1(a)-(e), the Poundkeeper shall impound the Animal for a period of at least seventy-two (72) hours, excluding Sundays and statutory holidays, unless the Owner claims the Animal and takes possession of it earlier in accordance with section 11.4.
- 11.4. The Owner, or the Owner's agent, may take possession of an impounded Animal upon payment to the Poundkeeper of:
 - a. the appropriate license fee if the Animal is an Unlicensed Dog;
 - b. Impoundment fees that have accrued; and
 - c. any veterinarian fees incurred by the Village while the Animal is at the pound.
- 11.5. Where an Owner fails to claim and take possession of an Animal within the seventy-two (72) hour time period set out in section 11.3, the Animal may be humanely destroyed, sold, or otherwise disposed of.
- 11.6. Owner of an impounded Animal is liable to pay the following fees set out in Schedule "A" of the Village of Gold River Bylaw Notice Enforcement Bylaw No. 737, 2022 regardless of whether or not the Owner claims the Animal:
 - a. the kennel fees, which fees are imposed for every twenty-four (24) hour period or fraction thereof the Dog has been impounded;
 - b. the veterinarian fees if the Animal received veterinarian care; and
 - c. the destruction fee if the Animal is destroyed.

12. ENFORCEMENT

- 12.1. This Bylaw may be enforced by the Poundkeeper or Bylaw Enforcement Officer and any other person or class of persons designated by the Village to enforce Village bylaws.
- 12.2. No person shall interfere with, hinder or obstruct an authorized person in the exercise or performance of her or her powers, duties or functions under this Bylaw including, with limiting the generality of the foregoing, by:
 - a. providing false information;

- b. unlocking or unlatching or otherwise opening a vehicle or enclosure in which an impounded Animal has been placed;
- c. removing or attempting to remove any Animal from the possession of a Poundkeeper or Bylaw Enforcement Officer; or
- d. removing, or attempting to remove, an Animal from the Pound except in accordance with this Bylaw.

13. SEVERABILITY

- 13.1. If any section, subsection sentence, clause or phrase of this Bylaw is for any reason held to be invalid by the decision of any court of competent jurisdiction, the invalid portion shall be severed and the part that is invalid shall not affect the validity of the remainder.

14. PENALTIES

- 14.1. Every person who commits an offence against this Bylaw is liable upon summary conviction to pay a fine of not more than \$2,500 and not less than \$100.00 payable within such time as the presiding Provincial Court Judge shall direct.
- 14.2. Despite section 14.1, if a person is convicted of an offence that applies specifically to an Owner of a Biting or an Aggressive Dog that person shall be liable upon summary conviction to pay a fine of not more than \$10,000 and not less than \$300.00 for each offence payable within such time as the presiding Provincial Court Judge shall direct.
- 14.3. Penalties may be processed by bylaw notice in accordance with the Village of Gold River Bylaw Notice Enforcement Bylaw No. 737, 2022 or by the municipal ticket information system in accordance with the Village of Gold River Municipal Ticket Information Bylaw No. 704, 2018.
- 14.4. Penalties for offences against this bylaw are set out in Schedule "A" of the Village of Gold River Bylaw Notice Enforcement Bylaw No. 737, 2022.
- 14.5. Each day an offence continues constitutes a separate offence.

15. FEES

- 15.1. Annual licencing fees are set out in Schedule "H" of the Village of Gold River Fees and Charges Bylaw No. 734, 2021.

16. REPEAL

- 16.1. "Village of Gold River Animal Control and Pound Bylaw No. 646, 2005", and "Village of Gold River Animal Control & Pound Bylaw No. 646, 2005, Amendment Bylaw No. 646.1, 2008" is hereby repealed.

READ A FIRST TIME THE	day of	2022.
READ A SECOND TIME THE	day of	2022.
READ A THIRD TIME THE	day of	2022.
ADOPTED THE	day of	2022.

B. Unger

Mayor

M. Roy

Corporate Officer

VILLAGE OF GOLD RIVER

Business Licence Amendment Bylaw No. 735.1, 2022

A bylaw to amend the Business Licence Bylaw.

WHEREAS Council may, pursuant to Section 8(6) of the Community Charter, regulate in relation to business;

AND WHEREAS in regulating business, Council may, pursuant to Section 15 of the Community Charter, provide for a system of licences, permits or approvals and impose terms and conditions for obtaining, continuing to hold or renewing a licence, permit or approval and specify the nature of the terms and conditions and who may impose them;

AND WHEREAS Council may, pursuant to Section 154 of the Community Charter, delegate its power, duties and functions to an Officer or employee of the Village, which delegation may, under Section 60(4) of the Community Charter include the authority to grant, refuse, suspend or cancel a business licence;

AND WHEREAS the Local Government Bylaw Notice Enforcement Act authorizes Council to designate bylaw contraventions that may be dealt with by bylaw notice;

AND WHEREAS the Community Charter including Sections 16, 17, 258, and 260 authorizes Council to allow for enforcement in relation to these matters;

NOW THEREFORE the Council of the Village of Gold River in open meeting assembled, enacts as follows:

1. That section 15.g, 15.h, and 15.i be added to the Village of Gold River Business Licence Bylaw No. 735, 2021:

15.g. "Penalties may be processed by bylaw notice in accordance with the Village of Gold River Bylaw Notice Enforcement Bylaw No. 737, 2022 or by the municipal ticket information system in accordance with the Village of Gold River Municipal Ticket Information Bylaw No. 704, 2018."

15.h. "Penalties for offences against this bylaw are set out in Schedule "A" of the Village of Gold River Bylaw Notice Enforcement Bylaw No. 737, 2022."

15.i. "Each day an offence continues constitutes a separate offence."

TITLE

2. This bylaw may be cited as the "Village of Gold River Fees and Charges Amendment Bylaw No. 734.1, 2022".

READ the first time this day of

READ the second time day of
this

PUBLIC HEARING held day of
and adjourned this

READ the third time this day of

ADOPTED this day of

B. Unger Mayor

M. Roy Corporate Officer

VILLAGE OF GOLD RIVER

Unsightly Premise Amendment Bylaw No. 666, 2022

A bylaw to amend the Unsightly Premise Bylaw.

WHEREAS Section 64 of the *Community Charter* provides that Council may exercise authority in relation to nuisances, disturbances and other objectionable situations;

AND WHEREAS the Local Government Bylaw Notice Enforcement Act authorizes Council to designate bylaw contraventions that may be dealt with by bylaw notice;

AND WHEREAS the Community Charter including Sections 16, 17, 258, and 260 authorizes Council to allow for enforcement in relation to these matters;

NOW THEREFORE the Council of the Village of Gold River, in open meeting assembled, enacts as follows:

1. That section 8.1 and 8.2 be deleted and replaced with:

8.1 “Penalties for offences against this bylaw are set out in Schedule “A” of the Village of Gold River Bylaw Notice Enforcement Bylaw No. 737, 2022.”

8.2 “Each day an offence continues constitutes a separate offence.”

2. That section 7.4 be added to the Village of Gold River Business Licence Bylaw No. 735, 2021:

7.4. “Penalties may be processed by bylaw notice in accordance with the Village of Gold River Bylaw Notice Enforcement Bylaw No. 737, 2022 or by the municipal ticket information system in accordance with the Village of Gold River Municipal Ticket Information Bylaw No. 704, 2018.”

READ the first second and third time this _____ day of _____

ADOPTED this _____ day of _____

B. Unger Mayor

M. Roy Corporate Officer

VILLAGE OF GOLD RIVER
Amendment Bylaw No. 613.10, 2022
Amendment Number 10 to "Water Rates and Regulations Bylaw No. 613, 2001"

The Council of the Village of Gold River, in open meeting assembled, enacts as follows:

The Village of Gold River Water Rates and Regulations Bylaw No. 613, 2001, is amended as follows:

1. That Schedule "A", of Bylaw No. 613.9 2022 be deleted and replaced with Schedule "A", Amendment Bylaw No. 613.10, 2022 attached to and forming part of this bylaw.
2. This bylaw shall be cited for all purposes as the "Water Rates and Regulations Bylaw No. 613, 2001, Amendment Bylaw No. 613.10, 2022".
3. This bylaw shall become effective January 1, 2022.

READ A FIRST, SECOND AND THIRD TIME THIS Day of , 2022

ADOPTED THIS Day of , 2022

B. Unger

Mayor

M. Roy

Corporate Administrator

VILLAGE OF GOLD RIVER
Amendment Bylaw No. 613.10, 2022

Amendment Number 10 to "Water Rates and Regulations Bylaw No. 613, 2022"

SCHEDULE "A"

Residential Premises

Single Family Homes/Townhouses/Strata/Duplex/Condominium

Annual Charges

\$ 259.20

Monthly Charges

Single Family Homes/Townhouses/Strata/Duplex/Condominium

\$ 21.70

Occupied Multiple Residential – Per Unit

\$ 21.70

Residential Mobile Home Park (occupied pads)

\$ 21.70

Commercial

All metered users all pay the following fees:

Administration fee, per meter, per month and,

\$ 5.30

Volume usage fee of;

Per 100 Cu. Ft.

\$ 1.5942

Per Cubic Meter

\$ 0.5630

or a monthly Commercial/Business rate of:

- per business unit/outlet

\$ 17.60

- Manager/Caretaker Residence

\$ 17.60

- Rooming House/Bed & Breakfast (per unit)

\$ 5.30

- Motel /Hotel

\$ 131.55

whichever is greater.

Water Turn Off and Turn On

During the normal working hours,

Water turn-off

\$ 39.70

Water turn-on

\$ 39.70

Outside the normal working hours,

Water turn-off

\$ 79.40

Water turn-on

\$ 79.40

Bylaw No. 654, 2006

Schedule "A"

APPLICATION FOR PARK USE (CAMPING) PERMIT

Organization: MID-ISLAND ATV CLUB - NANAIMO
Contact Name: EDWIN PEETERS Phone: 250-751-2360
Mailing Address: 6246 SHORELINE DRIVE, NANAIMO
Purpose of event: CAMPING FOR GR EVENT V9V 1E2
Date(s) of event: 17/18/19 JUNE 2022
of sites required: TOTAL AREA / ALL
Garbage cans, toilet facilities: YES

I HAVE READ AND FULLY UNDERSTAND THE REGULATIONS AND AGREE TO ABIDE BY SAME. ANY VIOLATIONS WILL RESULT IN THE IMMEDIATE CANCELLATION OF THE PERMIT AND MAY RESULT IN PROSECUTION AND THE REFUSAL OF ALL FUTURE PERMITS TO THAT ORGANIZATION

Applicant signature: Date 2022.03.22

THIS PORTION TO BE COMPLETED BY VILLAGE STAFF ONLY

Application received _____ Fee received _____

Damage Deposit received _____ Damage Deposit returned _____

Authorized Signature _____

Date _____

Council approval _____

Notes _____

Bylaw No. 654, 2006

Schedule "B"


PARK USE (CAMPING) PERMIT

At the Regular Council Meeting held _____ the Council of the Village of Gold River approved the following Park Use (Camping) Permit:

Name of Person/Organization: MID-ISLAND ATV CLUB has been granted approval to provide occasional camping on public use lands designated for occasional camping for the period of 17/18/19 JUNE 2022 for the following special event GOLD RIVER EVENT

I/We hereby agree to all provisions of the Village of Gold River Park Use Bylaw, have read and understand the Park Use Permit Regulations and pay all required fees as set out in Schedule

"C" attached.


Signature

2022.03.22
Date

VILLAGE OF GOLD RIVER

PARK USE (CAMPING) PERMIT

CAMPGROUND FEE STATEMENT

(To be submitted to the Village of Gold River
within 2 days of the event)

Organization: MID-ISLAND ATV CLUB - NANAIMO
Contact Name: EDWIN PEETERS Phone: 250.751.2360
Mailing Address: 6246 SHORELINE DR, NANAIMO, BC
Purpose of event: CAMPING FOR ATV EVENT V9V 1E2
Date(s) of event: 17/18/19 JUNE 2022

Fees: _____ # camping units @ \$ 10.00/each X 2 nights \$430.00

2 NIGHTS @ Total collected \$ _____
\$200 EACH + ½ payable to Village of Gold River \$ _____
\$30 APPLICATION FEE. (if applicable)

Submitted by: EDWIN PEETERS

on behalf of GOLD RIVER ATV EVENT

Date: 2022.03.23



Royal Canadian Legion #270

Box 318, Gold River, BC V0P 1G0

Tel: 250-283-2516

Fax: 250-283-2516

email: goldriver270@gmail.com

March 22, 2022

Mayor and Council
Village of Gold River
499 Muchalat Drive
Gold River, BC
V0P 1G0

RECEIVED

MAR 22 2022

VILLAGE OF GOLD RIVER

Re: User Fee and Damage Deposit for Nimpkish Park

Mayor and Council,

As you know, we are a service organization whose mission is to serve Veterans, including serving military and RCMP members and their families, to promote Remembrance, and to serve our communities and our country.


As part of service to our community we offer a free Community Easter Egg Hunt, and have, for the past number of years pre-covid, held that event at Nimpkish Park. We have previously signed user agreements without fees attached.

This year we have been advised that there is a \$25 application fee, a \$10 per day user fee and a \$250 damage deposit required.

We are requesting Mayor and Council waive these fees and deposit for the use of Nimpkish Park to allow the Legion to host the Community Easter Egg Hunt on April 16, 2022.

Your consideration of this request is appreciated.

Regards,


Derek McCreight
Acting President
Royal Canadian Legion
Branch 270
Gold River

Bylaw No. 654, 2006

Schedule "A"**APPLICATION FOR PARK USE (CAMPING) PERMIT**

Organization: Royal Canadian Legion.
Contact Name: Lynda Muffler Phone: 250-617-4090
Mailing Address: Box 318.
Purpose of event: Community Easter Egg Hunt.
Date(s) of event: Apr 17/22. 12-1 pm
of sites required: Hempden Park.
Garbage cans, toilet facilities: _____

I HAVE READ AND FULLY UNDERSTAND THE REGULATIONS AND AGREE TO ABIDE BY SAME. ANY VIOLATIONS WILL RESULT IN THE IMMEDIATE CANCELLATION OF THE PERMIT AND MAY RESULT IN PROSECUTION AND THE REFUSAL OF ALL FUTURE PERMITS TO THAT ORGANIZATION.

Applicant signature: _____

Date 25 Mar 22**THIS PORTION TO BE COMPLETED BY VILLAGE STAFF ONLY**

Application received: _____ Fee received: _____

Damage Deposit received: _____ Damage Deposit returned: _____

Authorized Signature _____

Date _____

Council approval: _____

Notes: _____

Bylaw No. 654, 2006

Schedule "A"**APPLICATION FOR PARK USE (CAMPING) PERMIT**

Organization: Vancouver Island Whitewater Paddling Society

Contact Name: Heather Buckingham Phone: 778-215-1771

Mailing Address: 242 - PO box 193 - Ucluelet, BC, V0R 3A0

Purpose of event: Whitewater Kayaking Festival

Date(s) of event: Friday, April 15 - Monday, April 18, 2022

of sites required: Ball Diamond - group camping 30 - 50 PEOPLE

Garbage cans, toilet facilities: Requested

I HAVE READ AND FULLY UNDERSTAND THE REGULATIONS AND AGREE TO ABIDE BY SAME. ANY VIOLATIONS WILL RESULT IN THE IMMEDIATE CANCELLATION OF THE PERMIT AND MAY RESULT IN PROSECUTION AND THE REFUSAL OF ALL FUTURE PERMITS TO THAT ORGANIZATION.

Applicant signature: H Buckingham Date March 21, 2022

THIS PORTION TO BE COMPLETED BY VILLAGE STAFF ONLY	
Application received: _____	Fee received: _____
Damage Deposit received: _____	Damage Deposit returned: _____
Authorized Signature _____	Date _____
Council approval: _____	
Notes: <u>KEEPING DOGS OUT OF THE PARK COULD BE AN ISSUE.</u>	

**UNION OF B.C. MUNICIPALITIES**

Suite 60 – 10551 Shellbridge Way
Richmond, British Columbia
Canada, V6X 2W9

Phone: (604) 270-8226 E-mail: ubcm@ubcm.ca

RECEIVED

MAR 25 2022

INVOICE**VILLAGE OF GOLD RIVER**

Invoice Date: Mar 15, 2022

TO: Village of Gold River
Box 610
Gold River, BC V0P 1G0

Invoice No: D-5366**Due:** upon receipt**Reference:** 2022 UBCM Annual Dues

DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT
Population: 1,257 <i>Your UBCM dues have been calculated using population estimates (Dec 2021 release) provided by BC STATS, the central statistical agency of the Province of British Columbia.</i>	
Annual Dues:	
First 5,000 population at 0.6955	\$874.24
Next 10,000 at 0.5051	\$0.00
Next 15,000 at 0.3178	\$0.00
Balance at 0.0650	\$0.00
Subtotal:	\$874.24
5% GST: (10815 0541)	\$43.71
Total:	\$917.95

**UNION OF B.C. MUNICIPALITIES**

Suite 60 – 10551 Shellbridge Way, Richmond, B.C. V6X 2W9

REMITTANCE PORTION**Village of Gold River**

2022 Annual UBCM Dues

Date: Mar 15, 2022

Invoice # D-5366

TOTAL DUE:

\$917.95AMOUNT
ENCLOSED:

Please return this portion of invoice with payment. Please do not combine payment of this invoice with any other billing you may receive from UBCM. Thank you.

Dear Mayor and Council,

Please accept this request that Gold River join a growing number of municipalities in writing to the Prime Minister of Canada, Justin Trudeau, and Minister of Mental Health and Addictions, Dr. Carolyn Bennett, in support of Private Member's Bill C-216, being "An Act to amend the Controlled Drugs and Substances Act and to enact the Expungement of Certain Drug-related Convictions Act and the National Strategy on Substance Use Act."

About 25,000 Canadians have died from the illicit drug toxicity crisis since 2016, according to official figures that are at least 8 months out of date. In 2021, accidental drug poisonings killed an average of 19 Canadians each day, with no signs of abating in 2022 ([Public Health Agency of Canada, 2021](#)).

This crisis has had a devastating and heartbreaking impact on our community, affecting citizens and families from all walks of life.

Bill C-216 has the potential to turn the tide in this ongoing and escalating public health emergency by moving from an approach that compounds the harms of addiction to one based on health. This has been called for by numerous drug policy reform advocates, health and safety leaders, the Canadian Association of Police Chiefs, and the Liberal government's own Expert Task Force on Substance Use.

Bill C-216 will enact drug policy reforms to greatly reduce the harms and stigma associated with drug criminalization, that have disproportionately impacted black, Indigenous, and other people of colour, as well as develop and implement a national health-based strategy to address the rates of toxic drug poisonings by expanding access to safer supply, harm reduction, and trauma-informed treatment options.

In the midst of the on-going toxic drug poisoning crisis that currently shows no signs of slowing, council's endorsement of measures to address both the upstream contributing factors, such as the criminalization of people who use drugs, as well the spectrum of downstream interventions, such as overdose prevention sites, drug-checking services, harm reduction, and treatment options, is critical. Our communities, provinces, and country desperately need this.

Sincerely,

Kaitlyn Nohr

Kaitlyn_nohr@hotmail.com



Wild at heart.

District of Elkford

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March 15, 2022

Honourable George Heyman
Ministry of Environment and Climate Change Strategy
P.O. Box 9047 Stn Prov Govt
Victoria, B.C. V8W 9E2

Dear Minister Heyman:

Re: Milk Container Recycling in British Columbia

This letter is regarding the recently implemented 10-cent deposit on milk and plant-based beverages which came into effect on February 1, 2022 as part of the CleanBC Plastic Action Plan.

The District of Elkford understands the need for this deposit and the action plan to prevent plastic waste, keep more waste out of the landfills and reduce greenhouse gas emissions to create a cleaner, better future. Additionally, the District has long been an advocate for initiatives to accomplish the same goals.

Unfortunately, the nearest location for Elkford residents to recycle milk containers is a 65 km drive to the City of Fernie, resulting in a 130 km round trip for a resident of the District of Elkford to the nearest return-in centre to receive their refund on these containers. Commuting this distance for the refund is not only an inadequate solution but is counterintuitive to our collective efforts to reduce greenhouse gas emissions.

While we recognize that residents of Elkford still have the option of placing these containers through the existing RecycleBC Depot at our local transfer station, we do not feel that it is equitable for the residents of Elkford to have this as the only reasonable option after paying the deposit at the time of purchase.

We would like the Province to reconsider this deposit-refund system to ensure that it is equitable to all residents of British Columbia while still encouraging the reduction of waste in landfills and ensuring viable solutions to continue to reduce greenhouse gas emissions.

Sincerely,

Dean McKerracher
Mayor

Cc: MLA Tom Shypitka, Kootenay East
All UBCM Member Local Governments

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
March 25, 2022

DISTRICT OF UCLUELET BANS PLASTIC AND BIO-PLASTIC UTENSILS

Taking the next step towards the responsible stewardship of the lands we are grateful to operate within, the District of Ucluelet bans single-use plastic utensils.

UCLUELET, B.C. - On March 15, 2022 District of Ucluelet Council adopted Single-Use Item Regulation Amendment Bylaw No. 1298, 2022 which adds Plastic and Bio-Plastic Utensils to the list of items being regulated within the municipality.

On July 26, 2021 Ministerial Order M309, provided municipalities the authority to make a bylaw to regulate, prohibit and impose requirements in relation to the protection of the natural environment.

The District of Ucluelet, situated in the traditional territory of the Yuułu?it?ath acknowledges that the relationship the Yuułu?it?ath have to the land and surrounding sea, goes deeper than the typical land use issues encountered by a municipality. With this in mind, we are committed to the respectful and responsible stewardship of its natural resources and to the preservation of the local environment for future generations to come. As such, it is with pride that we bring into effect a ban on plastic utensils.

As defined in Ministerial Order M309, the word utensil "includes a spoon, fork, knife, chopstick or stir stick". Enforcement of the ban on plastic utensils will come into effect on September 15, 2022, allowing a six-month transitional time-period for the business community to adjust their current practices, educate staff, use up any existing stocks of plastic utensils they may have on hand, and source out appropriate and available product alternatives. During this six-month transitional time-period, staff will continue to work with [Surfrider Pacific Rim](#) to ensure their "Cut the Cutlery" campaign becomes a familiar and welcome addition to our business and residential community.

"With the recent ban of plastic utensils in our neighbouring municipality, we are proud to take this next step in empowering our West Coast communities to transition to a culture of environmental protection and stewardship. We are extremely grateful for the support of Surfrider Pacific Rim, as we roll-out an awareness campaign that will encourage behavioural change and help businesses prepare for, comply with, and communicate the upcoming requirements to their staff, customers, and visitors to the area." said Paula Mason, District of Ucluelet's Manager of Corporate Services.

"Collaboration is the key to creating a culture shift with single-use plastic items. The local businesses, the District of Ucluelet, and the residents have all been so supportive of this initiative. We are very grateful

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for all the work everyone has done to create this positive change in behavior. The tides are turning on eliminating single-use items so let's keep the momentum going for the sake of the health of our bodies and the ocean!" Laurie Hannah, Chapter Coordinator, Surfrider Pacific Rim.

As shown on the Government of BC's [Environmental Protection and Sustainability](#) website page, the District of Ucluelet will be one of the first municipalities in British Columbia to regulate all single-use items suggested in the July 2021 Ministerial Order. The continued regulation of these items (and future items) by our Council, supports the ongoing efforts of CleanBC's [Plastics Action Plan](#) as well as initiatives brought forth in the District of Ucluelet's recently adopted [Climate Change Adaptation Plan](#) and [Official Community Plan](#). Visit our Ucluelet.ca to read the background on the development of the Single-Use Item Regulation Bylaw.

"The lands of the Yuułu?it̓at̓h and the District of Ucluelet are very closely linked, in that we all share close ties to the area's forests, waters and natural resources. Placing a ban on plastic utensils and other single-use items, is a huge step towards doing everything in our power to protect and preserve these lands. In doing so, we aim to create the type of sustainable community our citizens can enjoy for future generations to come. We truly appreciate all the support we've already seen from our business and residential community and look forward to sharing this common goal with all who visit our region." said Mayco Noel, Mayor, District of Ucluelet.

About Ucluelet

A true West Coast working harbour, home to approximately 2,000 residents, Ucluelet is a place rich in tradition and natural beauty. Located at the entrance to Barkley Sound on the West Coast of Vancouver Island, just south of the Long Beach unit of the Pacific Rim National Park Reserve, Ucluelet is on the edge of the Wild Pacific Ocean. It offers visitors and residents the opportunity to live in and explore one of the world's most pristine coastlines.



About Surfrider Pacific Rim

Surfrider Pacific Rim is dedicated to the protection and enjoyment of the world's ocean, waves, and beaches, for all people, through a powerful activist network. Living seaside or landlocked, regenerating this blue planet is essential for all of humanity to thrive. Surfrider's focus is divided into 3 pillars: eliminating single-use plastics, finding the end-of-life solutions for hard to recycle petroleum products, as well as engaging youth, individuals, businesses, local First Nations, and government in their Ocean Friendly initiatives. Through their "beach to boardroom" systems approach, they address the root of the plastics pollution crisis with the vision of achieving clean water and healthy beaches. Through this approach, Surfrider has removed over 50 metric tonnes of marine debris from the West Coast, supported the implementation of plastic bans, and achieved numerous coastal victories.

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March 16, 2022

British Columbia Municipalities

Re: Reducing Patio Application Red Tape for BC's Hospitality Sector and Economic Recovery

As we emerge from the pandemic and begin the long road to economic recovery in all corners of British Columbia, we look forward to working collaboratively with municipalities to enable public and private patio programs that support our local small businesses.

With 80% of hospitality businesses still losing money and accumulating more debt each month combined with inflationary pressures where food prices increased by 5.7% last year and will increase another 5.3% in 2022, it will take two thirds of hospitality businesses one and half years to return to profitability. On top of that recent polling indicates that more than 60% of consumers are still hesitant to return to indoor dining due to COVID safety concerns. As a result, **continuing expanded outdoor dining on patios continues to be an important factor in helping the hospitality industry recover from the pandemic.**

Recently, we have witnessed the unintended consequences in municipalities such as City of Vancouver where new guidelines for its public patio program were not designed in consultation with small businesses and did not create the intended solutions supported by council. Instead, the program created additional fees, red tape, and duplication of effort for those restaurants, pubs, and breweries looking to keep their successful patio open this summer. Despite aiming to "streamline the review process" the additional hurdles created significant delays which required staff to rework the program within days of its release.

In order to avoid these unintended consequences, we encourage municipalities to consult directly with small businesses and our various associations. **Our key recommendations include:**

- 1. Extend current patio programs without implementing new restrictions or fees;**
- 2. Streamline approvals to ensure those small businesses who have been safety and successfully operating patios may continue to do so;**
3. Increase flexibility for patio types and sizes as well as the number of patios allowed;
4. Increase the space use of existing patios or picnic areas to allow chairs to be spread out to meet distancing requirements;
5. Allow pop-up outdoor dining and manufacture sampling spaces;
6. Allow and increase the use of parklets and public space for dining;
7. Allow any increase in patio, picnic area or outdoor space be considered a continuation of an establishment's existing approved alcohol service area or manufacture's sampling area to provide samples and not require additional endorsements or authorizations; and
8. Coordinate with any relevant bodies—such as the Liquor and Cannabis Regulation Branch, Fire Department, etc.—to reduce red tape and speed approval timelines wherever possible.

At a time when economic recovery and supporting our small businesses is a priority for all of us, we are confident that by working collaboratively we can reduce red tape and unnecessary fees associated with public and private patio programs.

Sincerely,

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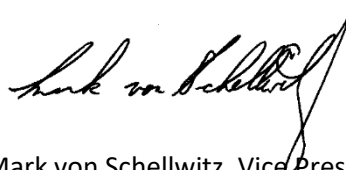
Ken Beattie, Executive Director
British Columbia Craft Brewers Guild

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Ian Tostenson".

Ian Tostenson, President and CEO
BC Restaurant and Food Services Association

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Jeff Guignard".

Jeff Guignard, Executive Director
Alliance of Beverage Licensees

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Mark von Schellwitz".

Mark von Schellwitz, Vice President, Western Canada
Restaurants Canada

NCLGA RESOLUTION –BC PROSECUTION SERVICE AND THE PUBLIC INTEREST

WHEREAS *prolific offenders in British Columbia are routinely released without consequences or meaningful conditions imposed upon them;*

AND WHEREAS *the BC Prosecution Service’s vision statement guides them to make impartial charge assessment decisions that promote public safety, justice, and respect for the rule of law and the BC Prosecution Service often determines not to recommend charges be pursued for criminal offences that are referred by the RCMP, as charges are not in the public interest;*

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED *that the NCLGA lobby the Provincial Government to ensure the BC Prosecution Service (Crown Counsel) live up to its vision, mission, and value statements and consider public safety and fairness when dealing with prolific offenders, and furthermore that guidelines be developed as to what constitutes “the public interest” with respect to pursuing charges for criminal offences.*

BACKGROUND:

The Crown Counsel Act¹ entrusts the Criminal Justice Branch with the responsibility to approve and conduct all prosecutions of offenses in British Columbia. The Assistant Deputy Attorney General is charged with the Administration of that Branch, and with carrying out its functions and responsibilities.

In British Columbia it has been the practice of Crown Counsel to release offenders of crimes without charges or conditions, citing charges are not in the public interest. Repeat offenders are free to recommit crimes without consequences as a result. A disproportionate amount of crime, particularly property crime, is committed by a minority of habitual offenders². Unfortunately, communities, local business owners and workers, the economy, as well as the public feel the impacts of repeat offenders who commit property crimes and thefts repeatedly and without consequence. For example, in Terrace in 2021 there were 423 failure to appear in court warrants, but only two people were charged. Two individuals in Terrace failed to appear in court 26 and 21 times each from February 2021 to February 2022. Neither have been charged with Fail to Appear. There was an average of six failure to appear warrants each week which is a burden on the RCMP to administer and ultimately is fruitless as there are no consequences for not appearing in court.

The revolving door of crime, apprehension by the authorities, and then the subsequent release of these habitual offenders erodes public confidence in our legal system. Police and law enforcement agencies as well as victim services are also burdened by repeat

calls and reports of crime. Regarding youth, it has been estimated that averting a 14-year old from a path of criminality would save society \$3 to \$5 million.³

There have been numerous police-based initiatives in British Columbia as well as other jurisdictions to try to manage prolific offenders. While there are different approaches to prolific offender management, they all require the cooperation of multiple agencies to implement. For example, “Polibation” is an approach to deal with prolific offenders that involves targeted and intensive surveillance from the police and probation programs. They involve a team of service providers that deliver interventions that are specific to the individual, including substance use and mental health treatment. Any subsequent criminal activity or breaches of the sentence conditions by the individual are dealt with by prompt apprehension and conviction.⁴ Programs like these are only possible when the Crown is willing to participate, and charge repeat offenders. When the Crown is unwilling to charge offenders, they are creating a burden on others such as the public, businesses, and law enforcement agencies. The BC Prosecution Service’s own vision is to be an independent prosecution service that people respect and trust. Public trust has been eroded by the Crown’s reticence to press charges on prolific offenders.

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To whom it may concern:

I am writing this letter on behalf of the Village of New Denver Council, asking that all levels of Canadian government join us in condemning the recent actions taken by Russia in its invasion and attacks on the sovereign nation of Ukraine.

At the regular meeting of Council held March 8, 2022 the following resolution was passed:

"That the Village of New Denver opposes in the strongest terms Russia's invasion of the Ukraine nation and demands the immediate removal of Vladimir Putin as Russian leader."

We ask that fellow local government, provincial and federal leaders stand together with a united voice stating that we will not allow the tyranny and terrorism on the Ukraine nation at the hands of Russia to continue.

Sincerely,

Leonard Casley
Mayor

Cc: Members of Parliament that represent British Columbia
Members of the Legislative Assembly of British Columbia
All forms British Columbia Regional Districts, Local Governments & Municipalities