



**Date:** 14/08/2019

## **AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY**

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**To:** Chair and Directors, Cariboo Regional District Board

**And To:** Choose an item.

**From:** John MacLean, Chief Administrative Officer

**Date of Meeting:** Cariboo Regional District Board\_Aug23\_2019

**File:** Emerald and Crown Royal Island Parking Service Establishment

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### **Short Summary:**

Bylaw 5239 – Emerald and Crown Royal Island Parking Service Establishment

### **Voting:**

Corporate Vote - Unweighted

### **Memorandum:**

Property owners on Emerald and Crown Royal Island are asking that the Regional District establish a service to facilitate the development of a parking area. The islands are boat access, and the property owners no longer have a private property solution for the parking of vehicles when they visit their property.

The Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure (MoTI) has offered to allow the property owners to develop an undeveloped lake access point. The property owners have indicated that they will be responsible for all costs associated with the development and maintenance of the parking lot. The proposed parking lot will be a public lot in which anyone can park.

The Ministry is insistent that the Regional District holds the tenure for the property, which is why we need a service. The Ministry is insistent on this step so that overnight parking would be allowed.

We will need to have the ability to tax for repair and maintenance in the event that the property owners fail to do so.

This service will require the assent of the property owners which we propose to get through a petition. A successful petition will have 50% of the owners representing at least 50% of the assessment indicating their acceptance.

We have proposed a taxation limit of \$4,000.00. If approved by the Board and electorate, we would tax an appropriate amount to put into a reserve and then reduce taxation to maintenance levels thereafter. That way we would have the ability to respond to maintenance or operational needs thereafter.

There will be ongoing costs to the Regional District for this service, even when the property owners maintain the property as they have indicated. We will have to inspect, ensure reasonable compliance and we will receive complaints. These will take resources to properly manage.

### **Attachments:**

Bylaw 5239

### **Financial Implications:**

This represents a new service and potential new taxation. The taxation service area will be restricted to the property owners of Emerald and Crown Royal Island.

### **Policy Implications:**

This, if ultimately approved, represents a change in direction for the Cariboo Regional District. We have, very specifically, resisted entering into these types of tenures. MoTI is consistently trying to push these types of issuers our way. MoTI, in my view, does not want to deal with the management or with the complaints that will arise. We have other examples, such as Bouchie Lake, where we have specifically refused to enter into tenure agreements. If we go down this path the Board should likely look at the other examples and determine if we are changing course.

If we are going down this path we feel we should be talking about establishing a Regional Parks and Trails Service with appropriate resourcing. There is no way we have sufficient resources within the Community Services Department to take on more of this type of work.

### **Alignment with Strategic Plan:**

- ☒ Ensuring Sufficient and Sustainable Funding
- ☐ Building on our Relationships
- ☒ Providing Cost Effective High Quality Services
- ☒ Focusing on Being Well Governed

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### **Options:**

1. Receipt Only
2. Defer
3. Receipt and give three readings of Bylaw 5239

### **Recommendation:**

That the agenda item summary from John M. MacLean, Chief Administrative Officer, regarding Emerald and Crown Royal Island Parking Service Establishment Bylaw 5239, be received.

*Further action at the discretion of the Board.*