

**The following is a consolidated copy of the Comox Valley Economic Development Service Conversion Bylaw and includes the following bylaws:**

<b>Bylaw No.</b>	<b>Bylaw Name</b>	<b>Adopted</b>	<b>Purpose</b>
345	Comox Valley Economic Development Service Conversion Bylaw No. 345, 2016	October 25, 2016	To convert and establish the Comox Valley economic development service for the purpose of providing for the economic development commission to encourage the responsible expansion of the Comox Valley economic base as well as enhance wealth and employment opportunities
654	Comox Valley Economic Development Service Conversion Bylaw No. 345, 2016 Amendment No. 1	May 22, 2021	To amend the service establishing bylaw to remove the restriction on borrowing for the purposes of the service.
702	Comox Valley Economic Development Service Conversion Bylaw No. 345, 2016 Amendment No. 2	June 14, 2022	To address the service purpose and participants and provide the terms for the withdrawal of the Town of Comox
725	Comox Valley Economic Development Service Conversion Bylaw No. 345, 2016 Amendment No. 3	December 6, 2022	To include the Village of Cumberland as a participant in the service

900	Comox Valley Economic Development Service Conversion Bylaw No. 345, 2016 Amendment No. 4	March 17, 2026	To amend the purpose of the Tourism Service to include destination development and management in accordance with the Comox Valley Tourism Strategy
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## **COMOX VALLEY REGIONAL DISTRICT**

### **BYLAW NO. 345**

#### **A bylaw to convert and establish the Comox Valley economic development service to encourage and provide for the responsible expansion of the Comox Valley economic base as well as enhance wealth and employment opportunities**

**WHEREAS** the board of the Comox Valley Regional District (CVRD) may, by bylaw, under section 341(3) of the *Local Government Act* (RSBC, 2015, c.1) convert a service provided by the regional district in accordance with section 341(5) of the *Local Government Act* (RSBC, 2015, c.1) and by the same bylaw amend the power to the extent that it could if the power were in fact exercised under the authority of an establishing bylaw under the *Local Government Act* (RSBC, 2015, c.1) provided that the bylaw meets the requirements of section 339 and is adopted in accordance with section 349 of the *Local Government Act* (RSBC, 2015, c.1);

**AND WHEREAS** the board wishes to convert the Comox Valley economic development service established under letters patent dated June 30, 1976 to a regional district service;

**AND WHEREAS** the board wishes to integrate elements of the service review conducted in 2013 and 2014 to address the service purpose, clarity and roles;

**AND WHEREAS** the board wishes to implement the outcome of the service withdrawal dated March 2016 where the Village of Cumberland has withdrawn from the service and the Village of Cumberland is to pay to the service \$40,000 each year in 2016, 2017, 2018 and 2019 for a total of \$160,000;

**AND WHEREAS** pursuant to section 342 of the *Local Government Act* (RSBC, 2015, c.1), the approval of the Inspector of Municipalities has been obtained;

**AND WHEREAS** pursuant to section 346 of the *Local Government Act* (RSBC, 2015, c.1), the councils of the City of Courtenay, the Town of Comox and the Village of Cumberland have given consent on behalf of the electors within the municipal participating areas to adoption of this bylaw;

**AND WHEREAS** pursuant to section 347 of the *Local Government Act* (RSBC, 2015, c.1), the directors of Electoral Areas A, B and C have given consent in writing on behalf of the electors within the electoral participating areas to adoption of this bylaw;

**NOW THEREFORE** the board of the Comox Valley Regional District in open meeting assembled enacts as follows:

**Service**

1. (1) The service established by this bylaw is the Comox Valley Tourism Service.
- (2) The service shall be known as the Comox Valley Tourism Service (the 'service').

**Purpose**

2. The service is to provide destination management, development and marketing and visitor services for the Comox Valley including through the formation of partnerships with community organizations and service providers.

**Boundaries**

3. The boundaries of this service shall be the boundaries of Baynes Sound (Electoral Area A (excluding Denman and Hornby Islands)), Lazo North (Electoral Area B), Puntledge/Black Creek (Electoral Area C) and inclusive of the City of Courtenay and the Village of Cumberland.

**Participating local governments 'Members'**

4. The participants of this service are Baynes Sound (Electoral Area A, excluding Denman and Hornby Islands), Lazo North (Electoral Area B), Puntledge/Black Creek (Electoral Area C), the City of Courtenay and the Village of Cumberland.

**Cost recovery**

5. As provided in section 378 of the *Local Government Act* (RSBC, 2015, c.1), the annual cost for this service shall be recovered by one or more of the following:
  - (a) property value taxes;
  - (b) fees and charges imposed under section 397 of the *Local Government Act* (RSBC, 2015, c.1);
  - (c) revenues raised by other means authorized by the *Local Government Act* (RSBC, 2015, c.1) or another Act; and

- (d) revenues received by way of agreement, enterprises, gift, grant or otherwise.

### **Maximum requisition**

6. In accordance with section 339(1)(e) of the *Local Government Act* (RSBC, 2015, c.1), the maximum amount that may be requisitioned annually for the cost of the service is \$0.278 per \$1,000 applied to the net taxable value of land and improvements for regional hospital district purposes.

### **Town of Comox withdrawal**

7. As a condition of withdrawing from the service, the Town of Comox agrees to enter into a fee-for-service contract with the CVRD to:
  - a. enable the Town of Comox to partake in and benefit from the Comox Valley Tourism Service;
  - b. ensure that the Town of Comox pays its share of the outstanding Vancouver Island Visitor Centre mortgage debt; and
  - c. enable the Town of Comox to receive a share of any benefits from the disposition, lease or re-purposing of the Vancouver Island Visitor Centre, during the period in which the Town of Comox's contributions to the mortgage debt continue.

### **Service delivery**

8. (1) The service may be provided by an agency or agencies under contract to the CVRD pursuant to section 263 of the *Local Government Act* (RSBC, 2015, c.1).

### **Service review**

9. All aspects of the Comox Valley Tourism Service shall be reviewed at least every four years, with the first review occurring in 2025.

### **Citation**

This Bylaw No. 345 may be cited as "Comox Valley Economic Development Service Conversion Bylaw No. 345, 2016".