

COMOX VALLEY REGIONAL DISTRICT

BYLAW NO. 672

A bylaw to establish a service within a portion of Electoral Area A to provide for a contribution of capital funds for high-speed internet service on Denman and Hornby Islands, and for the use of revenue from the service to provide grants and other assistance within the service area

WHEREAS under section 332 of the *Local Government Act (RSBC, 2015, C. 1)* a regional district may operate any service the board considers necessary or desirable for all or part of the regional district;

WHEREAS under section 275 of the *Local Government Act (RSBC, 2015, C. 1)* a regional district may operate a service of providing capital financing for high-speed internet service to an area without access to high-speed internet service;

AND WHEREAS the Comox Valley Regional District Board wishes to establish a service in order to contribute capital funds for high-speed internet service under an agreement with City West Cable & Telephone Corp., and to distribute revenue received under that agreement through a grant program for Denman and Hornby Islands;

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

AND WHEREAS the approval of the electors has been obtained pursuant to section 344 of the *Local Government Act (RSBC, 2015, c. 1)* by assent of the electors;

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

Service

1. The service established by this bylaw is for the contribution of capital funds for high-speed internet service on Denman and Hornby Islands, and for the use of revenue earned under an agreement with the recipient of capital financing to provide grants and others forms of assistance that benefit residents and community organizations within the service area.
2. The service shall be known as the Denman and Hornby Islands High-Speed Internet Contribution Service (the “service”).

Boundaries

3. The boundaries of the Denman and Hornby Islands High-Speed Internet Contribution Service is that portion of Electoral Area A (Baynes Sound – Denman/Hornby Islands) as identified in Schedule A attached to and forming part of this bylaw.

Participating Areas

4. Electoral Area A (Baynes Sound – Denman/Hornby Islands) is the participating area in the service.

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) parcel taxes;
 - c) fees and charges imposed under section 363 of the *Local Government Act (RSBC, 2015, C. 1)*;
 - d) revenues raised by other means authorized by the *Local Government Act (RSBC, 2015, C. 1)* or another Act; and
 - e) 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 the greater of \$115,000 or \$0.10 per \$1,000 applied to the net taxable value of land and improvements for regional hospital district purposes.

Citation

7. This Bylaw No. 672 may be cited for all purposes as “Denman and Hornby Islands High-Speed Internet Contribution Service Establishment Bylaw No. 672, 2021”.

Read a first and second time this	24th	day of	August	2021
Read a third time this	24th	day of	August	2021
Approved by the Inspector of Municipalities this	9th	day of	September	2021
Received the participating area approval by elector assent this		day of		2021
Adopted this		day of		2021

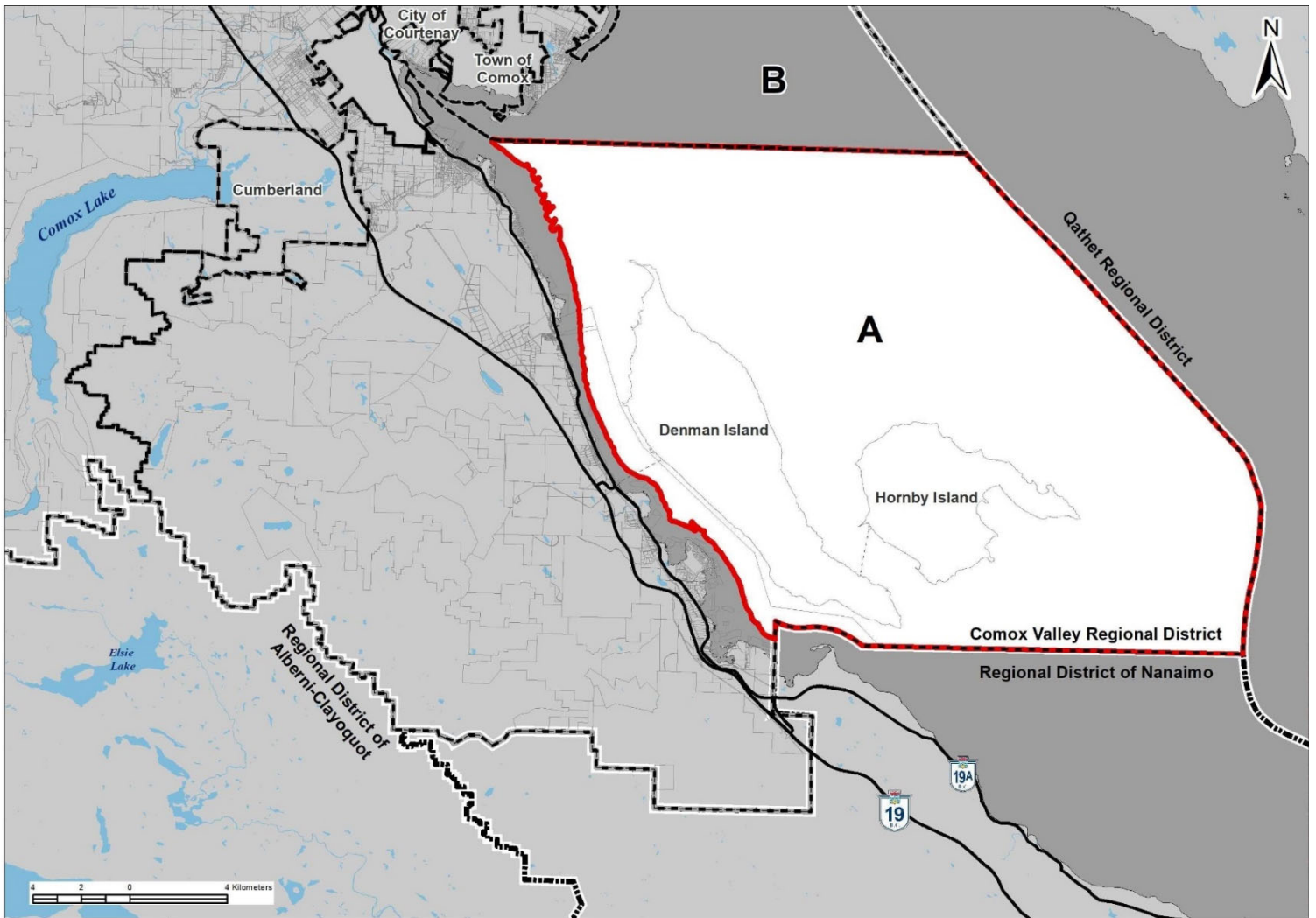
Chair

Deputy Corporate Legislative Officer

I hereby certify the foregoing to be a true and correct copy of Bylaw No. 672 “Denman and Hornby Islands High-Speed Internet Contribution Service Establishment Bylaw No. 672, 2021” as adopted by the board of the Comox Valley Regional District on the day of 2021.

Deputy Corporate Legislative Officer

Schedule A



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