

The following is a consolidated copy of the Regional Parks and Trails bylaw and includes the following bylaws:

Bylaw No.	Bylaw Name	Adopted	Purpose
719	Regional Parks and Trails Service Establishment Bylaw No. 719, 2022	September 20, 2022	To establish a regional parks and trails service within and for the benefit of the entire Comox Valley Regional District

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COMOX VALLEY REGIONAL DISTRICT

BYLAW NO. 719

A bylaw to establish Regional Parks and Trails Service

WHEREAS in accordance with 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;

AND WHEREAS the Board of the Comox Valley Regional District wishes to establish a regional parks and trails service within and for the benefit of the entire Comox Valley Regional District;

AND WHEREAS participating area approval has been obtained by written consent on behalf of the electoral and municipal participating areas under section 342 of the *Local Government Act (RSBC, 2015, C. 1)*;

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

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 includes:
 - (a) the protection and preservation of regionally-significant natural areas while providing opportunities for public access and enjoyment;
 - (b) the development of a network of regional greenways and trails; and
 - (c) carrying out any function that is ancillary or incidental to the foregoing activities including the planning, acquisition, development, operation and regulation of such lands and facilities.
2. The Service shall be known as the Regional Parks and Trails Service.

Participating Areas

3. The participating areas for the Service consist of Electoral Area A, Electoral Area B, Electoral Area C, the City of Courtenay, the Town of Comox and the Village of Cumberland.

Service Area

4. The boundaries of the service area for the Service established by this bylaw are the boundaries of the Comox Valley Regional District (CVRD).

Cost recovery

5. The annual costs for the Service shall be recovered by one or more of the following:
 - (a) property value taxes;
 - (b) parcel taxes;
 - (c) fees and charges;
 - (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, enterprise, gift, grant or otherwise.

Regional Parks and Trails Committee

6. The Service created by this bylaw shall be operated by a standing committee of the Regional Board to be known as the Regional Parks and Trails Committee.

7. The Regional Parks and Trails Committee:
 - (a) is delegated the authority for the administration and operation of the Service;
 - (b) shall at a minimum consist of elected officials from the participating municipalities and electoral areas with each participating area receiving one (1) vote for every 10,000 population or portion thereof as determined by the most recent census certified by the Province of BC for municipal and electoral area populations for the purpose of regional district voting;
 - (c) shall function with the number of representatives for each participating municipality being equal to their voting entitlement under subsection (b) with the votes being equally distributed; and
 - (d) shall require an affirmative vote of at least 75 per cent of the votes cast on the acquisition of real property and an affirmative vote of at least two-thirds (2/3) of the votes cast for all other decisions and recommendations.

Citation

8. This Bylaw No. 719 may be cited as “Regional Parks and Trails Service Establishment Bylaw No. 719, 2022”.