



BOARD REPORT

TO: Chair and Directors

File No: BL5848, 2022

SUBJECT: Electoral Area F: North Shuswap Health Centre Financial Contribution Service Area Establishment Bylaw No. 5848, 2022

DESCRIPTION: Report from Jennifer Sham, Corporate Officer and Manager, Corporate Services, dated May 16, 2022.

RECOMMENDATION #1: THAT: "North Shuswap Health Centre Financial Contribution Service Area Establishment Bylaw No. 5848, 2022" be read a first, second, and third time this 19th day of May, 2022.

RECOMMENDATION #2: THAT: the Board endorse the alternative approval process in accordance with Section 345 of the Local Government Act as the method to obtain assent of the electors for the establishment of a North Shuswap Health Centre Financial Contribution Service as identified in Bylaw No. 5848, 2022.

SHORT SUMMARY:

The North Shuswap Health Centre Society (NSHCS) has requested that the Board establish a service to allow the CSR to contribute annually to the NSHCS to operate the North Shuswap Health Centre in Electoral Area F.

VOTING:	Unweighted Corporate	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	LGA Part 14 (Unweighted)	<input type="checkbox"/>	Weighted Corporate	<input type="checkbox"/>	Stakeholder (Weighted)	<input type="checkbox"/>
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BACKGROUND:

[October 21, 2021 Regular Board Meeting Agenda Item 6.2.1](#)

Board directed staff to include the North Shuswap Health Centre taxation request in the 2022 workplan at the October 21, 2021 Regular Board Meeting. During that discussion, staff recommended utilizing the alternative approval process (AAP) for voter assent because the local in-formal petition that was received contained over 1000 signatures in support.

POLICY:

The NSHCS showed broad and sufficient community support for the service by submitting two petitions. The online petition (change.org) received 4,345 signatures as of October 6, 2021, while the local petition received contained 1009 signatures in support of the CSR developing a contribution agreement to support the North Shuswap Health Centre through an annual contribution tax.

[Section 332 of the Local Government Act](#) states that a regional district may operate any service that the Board considers necessary or desirable for all or part of the regional district.

[Section 86 of the Community Charter](#) outlines the legislative process for the AAP.

FINANCIAL:

This bylaw proposes to establish a financial contribution service that would allow the CSRD to contribute annually to the North Shuswap Health Centre to provide health care services in Electoral Area F. The maximum amount that may be requisitioned for the service provided in this bylaw shall not exceed \$130,000.00 or \$0.0612/\$1,000 of net taxable value of land and improvements annually within the service area. The maximum amount in the bylaw allows for the NSHCS request of \$100,000/year, plus CSRD administrative fees in accordance with Policy F-02 – Administrative Overhead, and any potential for increase in funding.

KEY ISSUES/CONCEPTS:

According to the NSHCS Executive Director, Gail McNeil Oliver:

"the North Shuswap Health Centre (NSHC), located in Scotch Creek, BC is a community health centre whose financial operations are managed by the NSHC. The clinic building and contents are owned outright by the NSHC Society; revenue to run the clinic is generated through rental amounts from several practitioners who provide health care services in the clinic and through Medical Services Plan billings of contract doctors and locum doctors who provide medical care in the clinic.

The NSHC is an essential service in this community providing much needed medical emergency service, primary health care & community services and contributes to the economic viability of the area.

At this time, without some form of government funding the community health centre's future is in jeopardy and residents including seniors with chronic health issues, could be put at risk. Over the last three years our permanent population base has increased, and this growth is also reflected in the clinic's patient base; many moving here because there is a health facility. This is true to many new families and young retirees coming to the North Shuswap and to many who wish to maintain a lifestyle here including our large senior population.

The Constitution of NSHCS states our purpose is to promote health of the public in the North Shuswap area, including Area F within the Columbia Shuswap Regional District by:

- assessing the health care needs in the North Shuswap and developing health services in the North Shuswap to meet those needs
- by working with health professionals and government agencies to promote and facilitate delivery of health care programs and services available to the public in the North Shuswap
- by recruiting health care practitioners to the North Shuswap and encouraging health care practitioners to deliver health care services to the public in the North Shuswap
- by providing and equipping facilities in the North Shuswap to enable health care practitioners to provide health services to the public."

IMPLEMENTATION:

If the Board gives first, second, and third reading of the bylaw, it will be sent to the Inspector of Municipalities for approval. If the Inspector of Municipalities approves this bylaw, participating area approval (through the AAP) is required before the bylaw may be adopted. Another staff report detailing the AAP will be available at a future Board meeting.

DESIRED OUTCOMES:

That the Board endorse the staff recommendation(s).

BOARD'S OPTIONS:

1. *Endorse the Recommendation(s).*
2. *Deny the Recommendation(s).*
3. *Defer.*
4. *Any other action deemed appropriate by the Board.*

Report Approval Details

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This report and all of its attachments were approved and signed as outlined below:

No Signature found

Sheena Haines

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Jodi Pierce