



# City of Revelstoke

## Council Report

File No.: 6900-20

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**To:** His Worship Mayor Sulz and Members of City Council  
**From:** Ingrid Bron, Director of Community Economic Development  
**Date:** August 9, 2022  
**Subject:** Municipal & Regional District Tax Levy Bylaw No. 2340

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### **RECOMMENDATIONS:**

**THAT** City of Revelstoke Municipal and District Tax Levy Amendment Bylaw No. 2343 be read a First, Second and Third time.

### **Background:**

- At the Revelstoke Accommodation Association (RAA) Annual General Meeting in June 2022 over 50% of members voted to approve the MRDT tax increase from 2% to 3%.
- At the Council meeting of June 14, 2022, CED provided a [Council Report](#) and tourism staff shared the [presentation](#) provided to RAA. Council approved the recommendation of staff to increase MRDT taxes from 2% to 3% and directed Administration to prepare a new bylaw.
- CED staff gave the same presentation to the CSRD Board on June 16<sup>th</sup>, 2022, which included the proposed MRDT tax increase as well as the proposal to expand the collection area to include accommodators in Area B, as is currently the case in Golden and Area A.
- CED provided a [Council Report](#) recommending approval of a new bylaw, which was read a first, second and third time on July 12<sup>th</sup> and approved July 26<sup>th</sup>.

### **Discussion:**

- The application package containing the new bylaw #2340 was submitted to the Ministry of Tourism, Arts and Culture on August 1<sup>st</sup>.
- Upon reviewing the application package, and aware that we were working with Tourism and accommodators in the CSRD Area B to expand the collection area, the Ministry advised CED and Tourism staff that it would be advantageous to include the proposed expansion of our collection area at the same time as increasing the tax rate from 2% to 3%. Ministry officials were able to confirm that they were able to extend our application deadline to the end of August to give us more time to complete the necessary steps.



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- Tourism staff are seeking approval from additional accommodators in Area B in order to meet the Ministry criteria.
- The revised list of accommodators and the revised bylaw will be submitted to the Ministry before the end of August.
- Once approved by the Ministry, the MRDT taxes will be collected at the rate of 3% beginning in May 2023 from all accommodators in the City and Area B.

### **Financial Implications:**

- The financial administration of the program will not change, requiring a monthly transfer of the funds received from the Province to RAA.
- Administration of the program requires regular review of the DMP to ensure alignment with the objectives of CED, the City, and CSRD Area B for the sustainable growth of tourism in the community and region as part of our overall community economic development strategy.
- We anticipate increased MRDT revenue with the inclusion of accommodators in Area B, in particular heli-ski lodges and STVR's.
- Additional revenue from STVR's in Area B will substantially grow our OAP fund for affordable housing.

**DOF Initials**

### **Others Consulted:**

Revelstoke Accommodation Association  
Ministry of Tourism, Arts & Culture

### **Linked Attachments:**

Linked Attachment 1 – June 14<sup>th</sup>, 2022 [Council Report](#)  
Linked Attachment 2 – June 14<sup>th</sup>, 2022 [presentation to RAA AGM](#)  
Linked Attachment 3 – July 12<sup>th</sup>, 2022 [Council Report](#)  
Attachment 4 – City of Revelstoke Municipal and District Tax Levy Bylaw No. 2343

**Respectfully submitted,**



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A handwritten signature in black ink, which appears to read 'Ingrid B.', is positioned above the name of the official.

**Ingrid Bron, Director of Community Economic Development**