



**Bylaw No. 676, 2021**

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A bylaw to establish a regional service to provide for a contribution of capital funds for broadband service in the North Coast Regional District, and for the use of revenue from the service to undertake community projects within the service area

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**WHEREAS** under section 332 of the *Local Government Act* 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 North Coast Regional District wishes to establish a service for providing capital funds toward broadband service infrastructure for communities within the regional district;

**AND WHEREAS** the Board of the North Coast Regional District wishes to use revenue from the service to undertake community projects within the service area;

**AND WHEREAS** the approval of the Inspector of Municipalities has been obtained under section 342 of the *Local Government Act*;

**AND WHEREAS** approval by alternative approval process has been obtained in accordance with sections 345 of the *Local Government Act*;

**NOW THEREFORE** the Board of the North Coast Regional District, in open meeting assembled, enacts as follows:

**1. Citation**

This Bylaw may be cited for all purposes as the “Regional Broadband Contribution Service Bylaw No. 676, 2021”.

## **2. Definitions**

In this bylaw, unless the context otherwise requires:

“broadband infrastructure” means infrastructure that supports or enables access to high-speed internet and other communication or telecommunication networks; and

“community project” means projects that generate improved and broadly shared economic well-being and quality of life in the North Coast Regional District, and without limitation includes broadband services.

## **3. Service**

The service hereby established is for the contribution of capital funds for broadband infrastructure in the North Coast Regional District, and for the use of revenue earned under an agreement with the recipient of capital funding to provide funding, grants and other forms of assistance for the design, development, construction, and maintenance of community projects within the service area.

## **4. Service Area Boundary**

The boundaries of the service area include the entirety of the North Coast Regional District.

## **5. Service Participants**

The participating areas are the City of Prince Rupert, District of Port Edward, Village of Queen Charlotte, Village of Port Clements, Village of Masset, Electoral Area A, Electoral Area C, Electoral Area D, and Electoral Area E.

## **6. Cost Recovery Method**

The annual cost of operating the service shall be recovered by one or more of the following methods:

- i. Property value taxes imposed in accordance with Division 4.3 of Part 24 of the *Local Government Act*;
- ii. Revenues received by way of agreement, enterprise, gift, grant or otherwise;

iii. Revenues raised by other means authorized by the *Local Government Act*.

**7. Apportionment of Costs**

The cost of the service shall be apportioned among the participating areas on the basis of the converted value of land and improvements in the service area.

**8. Requisition Limit**

The maximum amount that may be requisitioned annually for the service is the equivalent of \$0.01 per \$1,000 of the net taxable value of land and improvements in the service area.

<i>Read a first time this</i>	<b>15<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2021</b>
<i>Read a second time this</i>	<b>15<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2021</b>
<i>Read a third time this</i>	<b>15<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2021</b>
<i>Approval of the Inspector of Municipalities</i>	_____ <b>day of</b> _____, <b>2021</b>
<i>Approval of the electors received this</i>	_____ <b>day of</b> _____, <b>2021</b>
<b>Adopted this</b>	_____ <b>day of</b> _____, <b>2021</b>

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**Chair**

  
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**Corporate Officer**

*I hereby certify that this is a true copy of the North Coast Regional District Bylaw No. 676, 2021 at third reading.*