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Agenda Item #4

**REPORT TO ELECTORAL AREA SERVICES COMMITTEE
MEETING OF WEDNESDAY 13 JANUARY 2010**

SUBJECT BYLAW NO. 3666 TO AMEND SALT SPRING ISLAND LIQUID WASTE DISPOSAL LOCAL SERVICE AREA FEES AND CHARGES BYLAW NO. 1, 1996, AMENDMENT BYLAW NO. 9, 2010

PURPOSE

To consider Bylaw No. 3666, cited as "Salt Spring Island Liquid Waste Disposal Local Service Area Fees and Charges Bylaw No. 1, 1996, Amendment Bylaw No. 9, 2010", to provide for an increase in the tipping fees charged for disposal of sewage sludge and septage as recommended by the Salt Spring Island Liquid Waste Disposal Local Service Committee.

BACKGROUND

The Capital Regional District (CRD) operates a liquid waste disposal facility on Salt Spring Island, taking liquid septage and waste sludge from the CRD's wastewater facilities on Salt Spring Island. Costs of service are recovered by a combination of a parcel tax and tipping fees levied per unit of volume of material discharged from trucks at the Burgoyne Bay Road processing facility. The parcel tax is currently \$42.11 and the tipping fee is currently \$0.240 per imperial gallon. An increase in the tipping fee is necessary in order to recover the full cost of operation and maintenance of the existing facility and to recover an estimated operating deficit of \$76,149 to be carried forward from 2009.

At its budget review meeting of 17 November 2009, the Salt Spring Island Liquid Waste Disposal Local Service Committee passed a motion recommending that the Board approve amendment of the tipping fee to \$0.380 per imperial gallon. Bylaw No. 3666, Attachment 1, sets out the new tipping fee rates to be charged.

ALTERNATIVES

1. That Bylaw No. 3666, cited as "Salt Spring Island Liquid Waste Disposal Local Service Area Fees and Charges Bylaw No. 1, 1996, Amendment Bylaw No. 9, 2010" be introduced and read a first time, read a second time, read a third time and adopted.
2. That Bylaw No. 3666, cited as "Salt Spring Island Liquid Waste Disposal Local Service Area Fees and Charges Bylaw No. 1, 1996, Amendment Bylaw No. 9, 2010" be referred back to the Salt Spring Island Liquid Waste Disposal Local Service Committee.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Assuming increased costs are passed on by haulers to their customers, the proposed tipping fee increase will add roughly \$50 to \$100 to the cost of pumping a residential septic tank (dependent on the size of the tank). Septic tanks typically require pumping every three to five years. The tipping fee increase is also expected to result in an increase in annual sludge disposal costs of roughly \$40,000 for the Ganges sewer service area and roughly \$4,000 for the Maliview sewer service area. These increases equate to approximately \$110 per taxable folio in the Ganges area and \$42 per taxable folio in the Maliview area.

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SUMMARY


The cost to operate the facility has increased sharply in the past two years as volume of material received at the facility has approached its maximum treatment capacity, and the performance and reliability of aging equipment has rapidly deteriorated. The Salt Spring Island Liquid Waste Disposal Local Service Committee has recommended an increase in the tipping fee to \$0.380 per imperial gallon in order to balance the 2010 operating budget.

RECOMMENDATION


That Bylaw No. 3666, cited as "Salt Spring Island Liquid Waste Disposal Local Service Area Fees and Charges Bylaw No. 1, 1996, Amendment Bylaw No. 9, 2010" be introduced and read a first time, read a second time, read a third time and adopted.



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COMMENTS

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Attachment: 1

CAPITAL REGIONAL DISTRICT

BYLAW NO. 3666

A BYLAW TO AMEND BY LAW NO. 2455, "SALT SPRING ISLAND LIQUID WASTE DISPOSAL
LOCAL SERVICE AREA FEES AND CHARGES BYLAW NO. 1, 1996"

The Board of the Capital Regional District, in open meeting assembled, enacts as follows:

1. Bylaw No. 2455, "Salt Spring Island Liquid Waste Disposal Local Service Area Fees and Charges Bylaw No. 1, 1996" is amended as follows:

By deleting Schedule "A" in its entirety and substituting therefore the attached Schedule "A".
2. This Bylaw takes effect on all bills issued after adoption of this Bylaw.
3. This bylaw may be cited for all purposes as "Salt Spring Island Liquid Waste Disposal Local Service Area Fees and Charges Bylaw No. 1, 1996, Amendment Bylaw No. 9, 2010."

READ A FIRST TIME THIS	day of	2010
READ A SECOND TIME THIS	day of	2010
READ A THIRD TIME THIS	day of	2010
ADOPTED THIS	day of	2010

CHAIR

SECRETARY

SCHEDULE "A"

USER FEES

Liquid Waste – every person depositing Liquid Waste shall pay the following fees:

Septage	\$0.380 per imperial gallon
Sewage Sludge	\$0.380 per imperial gallon