

## Proposed Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Bylaw Notice Enforcement Bylaw No. 2041, 2025 and Bylaw Enforcement Policy

At its April 24, 2025, Board meeting, The RDBN Board deferred these two items to the upcoming meetings in May to ensure that the Board has a chance to review the public input recently received and provide clarification and context to our constituents on the purpose and use of this bylaw and policy. While the discussion will continue at the May 8<sup>th</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> meetings, the following information is provided to address some of the concerns and comments received.

- 1) Proposed Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Bylaw Notice Enforcement Bylaw No. 2041, 2025 does NOT include any new or expanded regulations in the RDBN. The bylaw allows the RDBN to issue tickets for existing bylaws.
- 2) The Bylaws in Schedule A to Bylaw 2041 already exist and apply to certain areas across the region or may be limited to specific situations. For example: there is no building or unsightly property regulations in Electoral Area E (Francois/Ootsa Lake Rural). Other bylaws only apply to specific situations such as the Fort Fraser Water or Sewer system or RDBN Parks.
- 3) The RDBN does not take a heavy hand when it comes to bylaw enforcement and this approach is not changing. Where bylaw enforcement is appropriate, the RDBN focusses on education and achieving voluntary compliance.
- 4) Where enforcement is in the public interest, ticketing provides an additional enforcement tool that is progressive in nature and avoids proceeding directly to the Courts which has a high cost to taxpayers.

If you have any further questions or require further information regarding Bylaw 2041, or which bylaws apply in your area, please do not hesitate to contact the Planning department by email at [planning@rdbn.bc.ca](mailto:planning@rdbn.bc.ca), or by phone at 1-800-320-3339.

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