

## REGIONAL DISTRICT OF BULKLEY-NECHAKO

### BYLAW NO. 1951

#### A bylaw to establish a service for providing broadband infrastructure throughout the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako

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**WHEREAS** Regional District may, pursuant to the *Local Government Act*, operate any service that it considers necessary or desirable for all or part of the Regional District;

**AND WHEREAS** the Regional Board wishes to establish a service for providing broadband and infrastructure for communities within the Regional District;

**AND WHEREAS** participating area approval has been obtained in accordance with the *Local Government Act*;

**NOW THEREFORE**, the Regional Board of the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako, in open meeting assembled, enacts as follows:

#### **Service Established**

1. There is hereby established a service to be known as the “Regional Broadband Infrastructure Service.”

#### **Definition**

2. 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.

#### **Service Described**

3. The service hereby established includes the design, development, construction, operation and maintenance of broadband infrastructure within the service area.

#### **Boundaries**

4. The boundaries of the service area are the Town of Smithers, District of Houston, District of Vanderhoof, Village of Burns Lake, District of Fort St. James, Village of Granisle, Electoral Areas A (Smithers Rural), B (Burns

Lake Rural), C (Fort St. James Rural), D (Fraser Lake Rural), E (Francois Ootsa Lake Rural), F (Vanderhoof Rural), and G (Houston Rural).

### **Participating Areas**

5. The participating areas are the Town of Smithers, District of Houston, District of Vanderhoof, Village of Burns Lake, District of Fort St. James, Village of Granisle, Electoral Areas A (Smithers Rural), B (Burns Lake Rural), C (Fort St. James Rural), D (Fraser Lake Rural), E (Francois Ootsa Lake Rural), F (Vanderhoof Rural), and G (Houston Rural).

### **Cost Recovery**

6. The annual cost of operating the service shall be recovered by one or more of the following methods:
  - a. Property value taxes imposed in accordance with Division 4.3 of Part 24 of the *Local Government Act*;
  - b. Revenues received by way of agreement, enterprise, gift, grant or otherwise;
  - c. Revenues raised by other means authorized by the *Local Government Act* or another act.

### **Requisition**

7. 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.

### **Apportionment**

8. 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.

### **Citation**


9. This bylaw may be cited for all purposes as “Regional Broadband Infrastructure Service Establishing Bylaw No. 1951, 2021.”

READ A FIRST TIME this 24<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2021

READ A SECOND TIME this 24<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2021

READ A THIRD TIME AS AMENDED this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of September, 2021

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of "Regional Broadband Infrastructure Service Establishing Bylaw No. 1951, 2021" at third reading.



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Corporate Administrator

APPROVED BY THE INSPECTOR OF MUNICIPALITIES this 5<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2021

APPROVAL OF THE ELECTORS RECEIVED ON THE      DAY OF  
, 2022

ADOPTED this      day of      , 2022.

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Chairperson

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Corporate Administrator

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of Bylaw No. 1951 as adopted.

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Corporate Administrator