



REPORT

To: Chair and Directors

Report Number: ADM-BRD-493

From: Tyra Henderson, Corporate Officer

Date: April 4, 2024

Subject: SP Sub Regional Recreation and Cultural Services Amendment Bylaw No. 2521

RECOMMENDATION#1: [Corporate Unweighted]

That the Regional Board approve addition of a New Business item to the April 4, 2024 Board Meeting agenda; namely, consideration of adoption of South Peace Recreation and Cultural Services Amendment Bylaw No. 2521, 2024 which is time sensitive, requiring adoption prior to April 15, 2024 to allow the changes approved in the amendment bylaw to be effective for the 2024 budget/taxation year.

RECOMMENDATION#2: [Corporate Unweighted]

That the Regional Board adopt South Peace Recreation and Cultural Services Amendment Bylaw No. 2521, 2024.

BACKGROUND/RATIONALE:

On January 11, 2024, the Regional Board gave three readings to South Peace Recreation and Cultural Services Amendment Bylaw No. 2521, 2024.

The Ministry of Municipal Affairs approved the bylaw on March 11, 2024 and the Board may now adopt the bylaw.

Adoption of the bylaw will finalize the increase to the scope of the authority of the service function to allow:

1. The ability to provide grants for youth sports and 4-H travel,
2. The ability to fund scholarships and bursaries for graduation high school students from the rural areas,
3. Confirmation of the ability to fund recreation facility maintenance and improvements.

ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS:

1. That the Regional Board provide further direction.

STRATEGIC PLAN RELEVANCE:

- Not Applicable to Strategic Plan.

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATION(S):

The Budget for Function 221 has been approved for 2024

COMMUNICATIONS CONSIDERATION(S):

None at this time.

OTHER CONSIDERATION(S):

The bylaw is subject to a one month ‘quashing’ period, in accordance with the *Local Government Act*, Section 623 – Court application to set aside bylaw or other instrument. Once the thirty-day period is over, staff will apply to the Ministry for a certificate of final approval.

Attachments:

1. South Peace Recreation and Cultural Services Amendment Bylaw No. 2521, 2024.
2. Certificate of Approval Bylaw 2521

External Links:

1. [Report No. ADM-BRD-463, Function 221 Sub Regional Recreation Scope Expansion](#)
(January 11, 2024 Regional Board Meeting Agenda, Item 9.1)