

SUMMER VILLAGE OF SOUTH BAPTISTE

BYLAW 01-2026

A BYLAW OF THE SUMMER VILLAGE OF SOUTH BAPTISTE, IN THE PROVINCE OF ALBERTA, TO AUTHORIZE THE ADDITION OF FIRE RESPONSE & EMERGENCY COSTS TO TAX ROLL PURSUANT TO THE MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT ACT

WHEREAS pursuant to Section 553(1)(g) of the Municipal Government Act, RSA 2000, c. M-26, as amended (the "Act"), the Council of a municipality may pass a bylaw making the owner of a parcel of land liable for costs and expenses incurred by the municipality in responding to fires or other emergencies on that parcel, and may authorize such costs and expenses to be added to the tax roll of the parcel;

AND WHEREAS the Council of the Summer Village of South Baptiste considers it necessary and in the public interest to recover such costs from the registered owners of parcels where fires or emergencies occur;

NOW THEREFORE the Council of the Summer Village of South Baptiste, duly assembled, enacts the following:

1. SHORT TITLE

This Bylaw may be cited as the "Emergency Costs Added to Tax Roll Bylaw."

2. DEFINITIONS

In this Bylaw:

- a) "Act" means the Municipal Government Act, RSA 2000, c. M-26, as amended or replaced from time to time.
- b) "Council" means the Council of the Summer Village of South Baptiste.
- c) "Municipality" means the Summer Village of South Baptiste.
- d) "Owner" means the person or persons registered on the Certificate of Title at the Alberta Land Titles Office as the owner of a parcel of land.
- e) "Parcel of land" or "property" means a parcel of land as defined in Section 1(1) (aa) of the Act.
- f) "Emergency costs" means all costs and expenses incurred by the Municipality or on behalf of the Municipality, including costs paid to another municipality, regional authority, or third-party service provider, in responding to emergencies, including controlling, mitigating, or resolving a fire or other emergency on a parcel of land, without limitation, including personnel, equipment, apparatus, consumables, and mutual aid charges.

3. LIABILITY FOR FIRE RESPONSE AND OTHER EMERGENCY COSTS

- a) Where the Municipality incurs emergency costs in responding to a fire, or other emergency on a parcel of land, the registered owner of that parcel shall be liable to the Municipality for all such emergency costs, in accordance with Section 553(1)(g) of the Act.
- b) The Municipality may issue an invoice to the owner for all emergency costs incurred in relation to the incident.

4. RECOVERY OF COSTS

- a) If the emergency costs are not paid within thirty (30) days from the date the Municipality issues a written invoice for payment, the Municipality is authorized to add the unpaid amount to the tax roll of the parcel on which the emergency occurred, pursuant to Section 553(1)(g) of the Act.
- b) Once added to the tax roll, the unpaid amount shall be deemed to be taxes owing to the Municipality and may be collected in accordance with the provisions of the Act applicable to tax recovery.

5. SEVERABILITY

If any provision of this Bylaw is declared invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, such invalidity shall not affect the remaining provisions, which shall remain in full force and effect.

6. EFFECTIVE DATE

This Bylaw shall come into full force and effect upon receiving third and final reading and being duly signed in accordance with the Act.

7. REPEAL

Bylaw No. 2025-05, being the Fire Costs Added to Tax Roll Bylaw, is hereby repealed.

READ a first time this 18th day of February 2026.

READ a second time this 18th day of February 2026.

READ a third and finally passed this 18th day of February 2026.

SIGNED this 18th day of February 2026.



Wendy Appleby
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Mayor, Wendy Appleby

Linda Roland

CAO, Linda Roland

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