

# **SUMMER VILLAGE OF SOUTH BAPTISTE**

## **BYLAW 05-2025**

### **A BYLAW OF THE SUMMER VILLAGE OF SOUTH BAPTISTE, IN THE PROVINCE OF ALBERTA, TO AUTHORIZE THE ADDITION OF FIRE EXTINGUISHING 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 extinguishing fires 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 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 "Fire Extinguishing Cost Recovery 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) "Fire extinguishing costs" means all costs 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, controlling, or extinguishing a fire on a parcel of land. These may include, but are not limited to, personnel, equipment, apparatus, consumables, and mutual aid charges.

#### **3. LIABILITY FOR FIRE EXTINGUISHING COSTS**

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

#### **4. RECOVERY OF COSTS**

- a) If the fire extinguishing costs are not paid within thirty (30) days from the date the Municipality issues a written demand for payment, the Municipality is authorized to add the unpaid amount to the tax roll of the parcel on which the fire 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.

**READ** a first time this 28th day of June, 2025.

**READ** a second time this 28th day of June, 2025.

**READ** a third and finally passed this 28th day of June, 2025.

**SIGNED** this 28th day of June, 2025.



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Mayor, Wendy Appleby

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CAO, Linda Roland