



# The Corporation of the District of Central Saanich

## REGULAR COUNCIL REPORT

For the Regular Council meeting on Monday, September 9, 2024

**Re:** Heat Pump Financing Program Local Area Service Bylaw Amendment No. 14

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### **RECOMMENDATION(S):**

1. *That Central Saanich Financing for Heating System Retrofits Local Area Service Bylaw Amendment No.14, 2209, 2024, be introduced and given first and second reading.*
2. *That Bylaw 2209 be read a third time.*

### **PURPOSE:**

The purpose of this report is to present an amendment to Local Area Service Bylaw No. 2107 for Council's consideration.

### **BACKGROUND:**

At the Regular Council meeting on February 13, 2023, Council adopted a bylaw amendment for the Central Saanich Heat Pump Financing pilot program that provides financing for homeowners to enable them to convert from oil, natural gas or propane heating to electric heat pumps. The program was designed to support key action pathways identified in the District's Climate Leadership Plan of converting 100% of oil-heated homes in our community to electric air source heat pumps by 2030 and to have 3% of existing buildings renovated per year to use 50% less energy and install zero emissions home heating.

To formally establish financing for up to 50 homeowners, a local area service was established by bylaw to authorize the service to each property. The District adopted the Central Saanich Financing for Heating System Retrofits Local Service Area Bylaw No. 2107 for this program on March 28, 2022.

### **DISCUSSION:**

The amended bylaw in Appendix A – Central Saanich Financing for Heating System Retrofits Local Service Area Bylaw No. 2209 – is provided in response to three property owners requesting to be formally included into the financing program (Appendix A – Schedule O).

The adoption of the amended local service area bylaw will allow three additional homeowners to join the pilot program and begin the process of converting their fossil fuel heating system to electric heat pump.

**IMPLICATIONS:**

**Strategic**

The program supports Council’s 2024-2027 strategic priority to “Champion Climate Adaptation, Mitigation and Preparedness” and continues to implement the District’s Heat Pump Financing pilot program.

**Financial/ Resource**

Financing for the home heating retrofit of the one property in the amended bylaw could amount to up to \$36,000. The District has secured a grant of \$500,000 from the Federation of Canadian Municipalities’ (FCM) Green Municipal Fund to help finance the program.

**OPTIONS:**

**Option 1 (RECOMMENDED):**

1. That Central Saanich Financing for Heating System Retrofits Local Area Service Bylaw Amendment No.14, 2209, 2024 be introduced and given first and second reading.
2. That Bylaw 2209 be read a third time.

**Option 2**

That the District does not amend the Central Saanich Financing for Heating System Retrofits Local Area Service Bylaw 2107, 2022.

**CONCLUSION:**

The proposed amendment of Central Saanich Financing for Heating System Retrofits Local Area Service Bylaw 2107, 2022 would allow three additional property owners to participate in the District’s Heat Pump Financing Program, resulting in 45 homeowners currently active in or have completed their installations as part of this program.

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**ATTACHMENTS:**

Appendix A: Central Saanich Financing for Heating System Retrofits Local Area Service Bylaw Amendment No.14, 2209, 2024