



The Corporation of the District of Central Saanich

REGULAR COUNCIL REPORT

For the Regular Council meeting on Monday, April 27, 2026

Re: Fire Services Operational Bylaw, Amendment Bylaw No. 1, 2259, 2026

RECOMMENDATION(S):

1. *That Fire Services Operational Bylaw Amendment No. 1, 2259, 2026 be introduced and given first reading.*
2. *That Fire Services Operational Bylaw Amendment No. 1, 2259, 2026 be given second and third reading.*

PURPOSE:

The purpose of this report is to introduce amendments to the Fire Service Operational Bylaw to correct typographical errors and improve consistency with the Fees and Charges Bylaw.

BACKGROUND:

A recent review by staff indicated that housekeeping amendments to remove errors and facilitate consistency with the Fees and Charges Bylaw were needed.

DISCUSSION:

The proposed changes (detailed in Attachment A) include:

1. Section 36 is hereby replaced with the following:

Where the Department is required to undertake a re- inspection of any Public Building, premises or structures as a result of a deficiency arising from an initial or any subsequent inspection, a charge may be levied for such re-inspection or further re-inspection, in accordance with the District of Central Saanich Fees and Charges Bylaw.

2. Section 44 is hereby replaced with the following:

The Department may charge for the cost of conducting a Fire Investigation, reviewing a Fire Safety Plan or other use of Department services and resources, in each case in accordance with District of Central Saanich Fees and Charges Bylaw. The Department may recover from the

owner of the property where an Incident has occurred, and/or from the person responsible for the Incident, the costs incurred of any third-party assistance received in relation to responding to or mitigating such Incident. Where an Incident involves a spill or release of hazardous materials, the Department may recover from the person responsible for such hazardous materials, the cost of the response plus the cost of repairing or replacing of Apparatus or other equipment of the Department damaged or contaminated during the response.

3. Section 53 is hereby replaced with the following:

Any person who violates any provision of section 52 hereof may, in addition to any other penalty, be removed from the scene of an Incident by a peace officer or the Fire Chief, an Officer or Incident Commander (or their designate).

4. Section 54 is hereby replaced with the following:

Any person who damages Apparatus in contravention of subsection 52(c) hereof, in addition to any other penalty, shall be liable for the cost of repairing or replacing the Apparatus.

OPTIONS:

Option 1 (recommended):

1. That Fire Services Operational Bylaw Amendment No. 1, 2259, 2026 be introduced and given first reading.
2. That Fire Services Operational Bylaw Amendment No. 1, 2259, 2026 be given second and third reading.

Option 2:

That Council consider an alternative recommendation.

CONCLUSION:

The proposed amendment the Fire Service Operational Bylaw will correct typographical errors and improve consistency with the Fees and Charges Bylaw.

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ATTACHMENTS:

Appendix A: *Fire Services Operational Bylaw Amendment No. 1, 2259, 2026*