



## **NEWS RELEASE**

### **SCRD Expands Bylaw Notice Enforcement System to all Electoral Areas**

Sechelt, BC—March 14, 2016 — Residents in all electoral areas of the Sunshine Coast Regional District (SCRD) will now be able to take advantage of the benefits of the Bylaw Notice Enforcement System (BEN) for disputes related to minor bylaw infractions.

The adjudication system saves time and money and makes efficient use of court resources, as it eliminates the roles of court and court registries in the administration and hearing of these disputes. For individuals, the new system is simpler, less time consuming and less costly than the former bylaw ticketing system.

The BEN system was implemented on a small scale in July 2011 to deal with contraventions with respect to water, civic addressing and ports. In November 2012 the system was introduced as a one year pilot project in Electoral Area B (Halfmoon Bay). This gave staff the ability to use the BEN system for building, zoning, animal control, noise and smoke control. The project proved successful and in December, 2013 the BEN system was formalized in Halfmoon Bay.

To improve efficiency, fairness and consistency within the SCR D's bylaw compliance division, the BEN system will be extended to the remaining regulatory bylaws for all SCR D electoral areas.

"Expanding the BEN system will improve efficiency, fairness and consistency within the Regional District," says Steven Olmstead, SCR D General Manager of Planning and Development.

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