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**SLRD INTRODUCES NEW BYLAW NOTICE ENFORCEMENT AND DISPUTE  
ADJUDICATION SYSTEM**

**Pemberton, BC** – The Squamish-Lillooet Regional District (SLRD) has implemented a new system for enforcing the regulatory provisions of many of its bylaws. Squamish-Lillooet Regional District Bylaw Notice Enforcement Bylaw No. 1447-2016 was adopted by the SLRD Board on March 16, 2016 in conjunction with a new ticketing and dispute adjudication system. With the bylaw and system in place, both the police and SLRD staff can be authorized to write bylaw notices (i.e. tickets) for bylaw infractions. A part-time Bylaw Enforcement Officer has been hired to oversee the program.

Under this new system, Bylaw Notices (i.e. tickets) may be issued to people or corporations who contravene the provisions of many of the SLRD's bylaws, including those related to zoning, noise, signage, unsightly premises, land clearing and debris pollution management, and soil deposit and removal, among others. A person or company receiving a bylaw notice may either pay the ticket, or they can dispute it through a screening process and, ultimately, to an independent provincially appointed adjudicator, rather than through the court system.

"In recent years, the number of complaints the SLRD receives regarding various bylaw infractions has been increasing," says Jack Crompton, SLRD Board Chair. "This system gives us a new tool to enforce SLRD bylaws while at the same time providing residents and businesses with a fair, affordable and effective means of resolving disputes outside of the Provincial Court system."

The goal of the SLRD Bylaw Enforcement system is not to penalize people, but to achieve compliance with SLRD bylaws in order to maintain a safe and livable region for all residents. Incentives are provided by way of discounts for early payment or penalties, and surcharges may be added for late payments. Reduced penalties combined with appropriate terms and conditions may also be available in some cases through Compliance Agreements.

More information about the SLRD's Bylaw Enforcement system, including links to the bylaws, witness report (complaint) form, Frequently Asked Questions, and background information can be found at [www.slrd.bc.ca/BylawEnforcement](http://www.slrd.bc.ca/BylawEnforcement).

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