

THE CORPORATION OF THE DISTRICT OF SUMMERLAND
BYLAW NUMBER 2013-007 – LOW-SPEED ELECTRIC POWERED
VEHICLE AUTHORIZATION BYLAW

**A BYLAW TO AUTHORIZE THE USE OF LOW-SPEED ELECTRIC-
POWERED VEHICLES ON PUBLIC HIGHWAYS**

The Municipal Council of the Corporation of the District of Summerland, in open meeting assembled, enacts as follows:

1. In this Bylaw:

“**District**” means the area contained within the geographical limits of the District Municipality of Summerland;

“**neighbourhood zero emission vehicle**” means a vehicle that travels on 4 wheels and is powered by an electric motor that is designed to allow the vehicle to attain a speed of 32 kilometres per hour but not more than 40 kilometres per hour in a distance of 1.6 kilometres on a paved level surface, and which:

(a) meets or exceed standards of the *Motor Vehicle Safety Act* (Canada) for a low-speed vehicle and bears a compliance label for a low-speed vehicle in accordance with that Act; or

(b) if imported to Canada, has been imported as an admissible low-speed vehicle in accordance with the *Motor Vehicle Safety Act* (Canada) requirements, and

(i) bears a compliance label for a low-speed vehicle in accordance with that Act; or

(ii) meets applicable federal United States laws in accordance with the *Motor Vehicle Safety Act* (Canada).

2. A person may drive or operate a neighbourhood zero emission vehicle on any highway within the District that has a speed limit of over 40 kilometres per hour but not more than 50 kilometres per hour.
3. As permitted by Section 24.06(2)(a) of the *Motor Vehicle Act Regulation*, a person may drive low-speed electric-powered vehicle on a street where the posted speed is 40 km/h or less.
4. The authority conferred by Section 2 and 3 is in addition to the authority under:
 - (a) Section 24.06(2)(a) of the *Motor Vehicle Act Regulations*, B.C. Reg. 26/58, as

amended, for a person to drive or operate a neighbourhood zero emission vehicle on a highway that has a speed limit of 40 kilometres per hour or less; and

(b) Section 24.06(2)(c) of the *Motor Vehicle Act Regulations*, B.C. Reg. 26/58, as amended, for a person to drive or operate a neighbourhood zero emission vehicle in accordance with the provisions applicable to a “utility vehicle” as defined in the said *Regulations*, as set out in Section 24.03 of the *Regulations*.

5. A person who drives or operates a Neighbourhood Zero Emission Vehicle as authorized by this bylaw may cross a highway that has a speed limit that is not greater than 80 kilometres per hour at an intersection to enable the person to continue on a highway on which the person is authorized to drive or operate a Neighbourhood Zero Emission Vehicle.
6. This bylaw may be cited as "Bylaw No. 2013-007, Low-Speed Electric Powered Vehicle Authorization Bylaw.

Read a first, second and third time this 27th day of May, 2013.

Adopted by Municipal Council this 10th day of June, 2013.

'Janice Perrino'

Mayor

'Maureen Fugeta'

Corporate Officer