



DISTRICT OF SOOKE

BYLAW NO. 541

A Bylaw to authorize the use of low-speed electric-powered vehicles on public highways.

The Council of the District of Sooke, in open meeting assembled, enacts as follows:

1. This Bylaw is cited as Bylaw No. 541, *Low-Speed Electric-Powered Vehicle Authorization Bylaw, 2012*.
2. In this Bylaw,
 - a) “Municipality” means the area contained within the geographical limits of the District of Sooke;
 - b) “neighbourhood zero emission vehicle” means a vehicle that travels on four 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
 - i) 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
 - ii) if imported to Canada, has been imported as an admissible low-speed vehicle in accordance with the *Motor Vehicle Safety Act* (Canada) requirements and
 - (1) bears a compliance label for a low-speed vehicle in accordance with that Act; or
 - (2) meets applicable federal United States laws in accordance with the *Motor Vehicle Safety Act* (Canada).
3. A person may drive or operate a neighbourhood zero emission vehicle on any highway within the Municipality that has a speed limit of over 40 kilometres per hour but no more than 50 kilometres per hour.

4. 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.
5. The authority conferred by Section 3 and Section 4 of this Bylaw 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 said *Regulations*.

Introduced and read a first time the 23rd day of July, 2012.

Read a second time the 23rd day of July, 2012

Read a third time the 23rd day of July, 2012.

Adopted on the 13th day of August, 2012.

Wendal Milne
Mayor

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Corporate Officer