

REPORT

Community Services Department

To: Mayor Johnstone and Members of Council
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From: Blair Fryer, Acting Director Community Services
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Subject: Shark Fin Regulation Bylaw No. 7564, 2012, Repeal Bylaw No. 8511, 2025

RECOMMENDATION

THAT Shark Fin Regulation Bylaw No. 7564, 2012, Repeal Bylaw No. 8511, 2025 be introduced and given first, second, and third readings.

PURPOSE

To seek Council's approval to repeal the Shark Fin Regulation Bylaw No. 7564, 2012, as its provisions have been incorporated into the newly adopted Business Licence Bylaw No. 8473, 2024.

BACKGROUND

On December 10, 2012, Council adopted the Shark Fin Regulation Bylaw No. 7564, 2012, to regulate the trade, sale, and distribution of shark fins and products derived from shark fins within the City of New Westminster. Specifically, the bylaw prohibits any person or business entity from selling, trading, or distributing, or offering for sale, trade or distribution, shark fins or products derived from shark fins in the City of New Westminster.

On November 4, 2024, Council adopted the Business Licence Bylaw No. 8473, 2024. The updated bylaw includes provisions that regulate the sale and distribution of shark fins, consolidating the existing shark fin restrictions into the Business Licence Bylaw.

DISCUSSION

The adoption of the updated Business Licence Bylaw No. 8473, 2024, on November 4, 2024, modernized and streamlined the regulatory framework for businesses within the City of New Westminster. As part of this update, the regulations that previously existed in the separate Shark Fin Regulation Bylaw 7564, 2012 were moved into the Business Licence Bylaw, which now addresses the trade, sale, and distribution of shark fins alongside other business licensing regulations.

As a result, maintaining a separate Shark Fin Regulation Bylaw is now unnecessary.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

There are no financial implications associated with repealing this bylaw.

INTERDEPARTMENTAL LIAISON

Staff from Community Services and Integrated Services collaborated on this report.

OPTIONS

There are two options Council presented for Council's consideration:

1. THAT Shark Fin Regulation Bylaw No. 7564, 2012, Repeal Bylaw No. 8511, 2025 be introduced and given first, second, and third readings.
2. THAT Council provide staff with alternate direction

Staff recommend Option 1.

ATTACHMENTS

Shark Fin Regulation Bylaw No. 7564, 2012, Repeal Bylaw No. 8511, 2025.

APPROVALS

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