

## ATTACHMENT 7

### Public Engagement Summary

#### Round 1 Engagement - Draft Bylaws

#### Nanaimo Airport Land Use Bylaw Updates Project

##### Introduction:

The Public Engagement Plan for the Nanaimo Airport Land Use Bylaw Updates Project includes two rounds of engagement, the first of which is complete. Round 1 Engagement sought input from stakeholders and the public on draft bylaws, and Round 2 Engagement will include formal referral of proposed bylaws to agencies and stakeholders, after first reading and the public hearing. Round 1 Engagement occurred in November and December 2019 and included live events and online opportunities.

First Nations were, and continue to be, invited to engage on an early and ongoing basis, and this is reported on separately within the staff report.

A total of 21 people attended one of the three office hour sessions and two open houses. Four questions from the public were posted to the project website between March and November 2019, and one written submission was received.

##### Summary of Comments:

In summary, input received includes the following:

- Commercial development of Nanaimo Airport land near the Trans-Canada Highway and Spitfire Road makes sense in the context of the area.
- There is long-standing concern about road safety on the stretch of the Trans-Canada Highway near the Nanaimo Airport. The public, and particularly those living in the local area want to ensure that increased traffic to the airport or any changes to access does not result in reduced safety. Some noted that there could be an opportunity to upgrade road facilities to improve safety as part of any development on the Nanaimo Airport lands.
- Suggestion of a speed reader to slow traffic.
- One person wanted to ensure that the Airport does not buy their water from the new Stz'uminus wells; they want that water to only be used for Stz'uminus due to concern over the aquifer health should greater volumes be drawn from it.
- One person said they had hoped there was a way to require the Airport to provide water to Cassidy Village Centre.
- The Nanaimo Airport Commission provided their Development Design Guidelines to the RDN.

##### Next Steps:

Follow receipt of this summary report, the RDN Board may consider first reading of the bylaws which will initiate formal referral as required by legislation to First Nations, agencies and stakeholders.