



Dashwood Fire Hall Bylaw Amendments – Alternative Approval Process Update

RECOMMENDATIONS

That the Board approve the revised Elector Response form as provided in Attachment 1; and establish 4:00 p.m on Monday, June 27, 2022 as the revised deadline for receiving elector responses for the alternative approval process for “Dashwood Fire Hall Service Amendment Bylaw No. 1785.01, 2022” and “Dashwood Fire Hall Loan Authorization Amendment Bylaw No. 1789.01 2022”.

BACKGROUND

At the February 8, 2022 Regional District of Nanaimo Board meeting, the Board endorsed the following motions:

1. That “Dashwood Fire Hall Service Amendment Bylaw No. 1785.01, 2022” be introduced, read three times, and forwarded to the Inspector of Municipalities for approval.
2. That “Dashwood Fire Hall Loan Authorization Amendment Bylaw No. 1789.01 2022” be introduced, read three times, and forwarded to the Inspector of Municipalities for approval.
3. That the approval of the electors be obtained by an alternative approval process, and that participating area approval is to be obtained for the entire service area.
4. That the Board approve the Elector Response form as provided in Attachment 3, establish 4:00 p.m on Monday, June 20, 2022 as the deadline for receiving elector responses for the alternative approval process, and determine the total number of electors to which the approval process applies to be 1,542.

On April 21, 2022 the Inspector of Municipalities provided statutory approval for *Dashwood Fire Hall Service Amendment Bylaw No. 1785.01, 2022* and *Dashwood Fire Hall Loan Authorization Amendment Bylaw No. 1789.01 2022*.

On February 8, 2022 the Board approved an elector response form, which is required to initiate an alternative approval process (AAP) to obtain elector approval for these bylaws. Since the time of that report, staff have been advised of a change in legislation which repealed the 30-day residency requirement for resident electors under Section 65 of the *Local Government Act* which applies to this AAP. As a result, it is required that the Board approve a revised elector response form (attachment 1) to remove the 30-day residency requirement from the elector response form. To provide for adequate time for notice publication of this AAP, the Board must also update the established deadline for receiving elector responses for this AAP. The recommended date is Monday, June 27, 2022.

STRATEGIC PLAN ALIGNMENT

Social Wellbeing - Make the Region a safe and vibrant place for all, with a focus on children and families in programs and planning.

REVIEWED BY:

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ATTACHMENTS:

1. Updated – Dashwood Fire Hall Service Amendment and Loan Authorization - Elector Response Form
2. February 8, 2022 Staff Report – Dashwood Fire Hall Bylaw Amendments