

Delegation: Barry Nicholls - Fairwinds Community Association

Summary:

Re: Regional District of Nanaimo /District 69 Swimming Pool Service Amendment Bylaw No 889.02

Referendum

We request a referendum on the inclusion of Electoral Area E in the Regional District of Nanaimo /District 69 Swimming Pool Service Amendment Bylaw No 889.02 and that said Referendum be held for only Electoral Area E.

Electoral Area E was excluded from the original referendum for the Ravensong Aquatic Centre and from the Service area funding the pool. We should now have the opportunity to vote on our inclusion in the Service.

Equitable Funding Model

We are not against the funding of public facilities that benefit the community. We are opposed to the taxation apportionment method for the Ravensong Aquatic Centre that has been proposed by the Regional District of Nanaimo. The 1/3 Assessment, 1/3 Population, 1/3 Usage method is inequitable. It will result in Area E providing 11.9% of the funding for Ravensong, when we represent only 3.9% of the usage (2015).

The Fairwinds Community Association would support an equitable taxation apportionment method based on 100% usage. Usage taxation apportionment methods are in effect for Nanaimo Recreation facility funding, and in the Cowichan Valley Regional District.

In addition, we are concerned with the 84.8% increase in property tax revenue proposed in the 5-year financial plan for the Ravensong Aquatic Centre. (2023 to 2027)

Action Requested:

Please note: This delegation plans to attend in person.

Referendum for only Electoral Area E on inclusion of Electoral Area E in the District 69 Swimming Pool Service.

Changing the District 69 Swimming Pool Service taxation apportionment method to 100 % usage, which is an equitable model.