

Delegation: Patricia Widdershoven

Summary:

The process is unfair and undemocratic. taxation without representation.

Area E was exempt and should continue to be so.

If Area E users use the pool let them pay a "user fee" as originally intended.

Fund the pool entirely based on usage.

This is a "tax grab" because there is a perception that Area E is "wealthy".

Action Requested:

Please note: This delegation plans to attend in person.

That the RDN board does not approve the Amendment of Bylaw 899.

In the event this Amendment is approved, it is "subject to" a referendum held only in Area E to finally decide (if Area E should be included) this amendment.

Think:

a) less than 3% usage and those taxpayers being asked to financially contribute more than (12) 12% of costs?

Assuming the population of Nanoose is 6540 residents (2021 census),
5919 (2016 census)

The population has increased by 10 % and the usage by Nanoose residents has dropped by 18 %. Overall we use the pool less and you want us to pay more.

Assumiing the statistics are accurate on face value, that means less that 200 people in Nanoose ever use the pool at all!

b) a democratic process originally exempted Area E from this cost sharing. The proposed Amendment, if approved, would now be an undemocratic or autocratic action by the RDN to Area "E" taxpayers.

2. If the Amendment is approved; amend the funding formula so it is solely based on Usage. See #1a) above."

3. Area E users were originally to pay an additional "user fee" but the RDN eliminated that as it was "too difficult to do" One would assume that is because the useage numbers were so low to not justify the staff time. Those useage numbers are still dropping according to your data.