

Delegation: K. Wood, B. McFarland, J. Davies, and R. Lampard

Summary:

Due to high resistance to the original project proposal, Area E was specifically and intentionally excluded as a participant in the 1993 Ravensong Pool referendum. To increase its chances of success, Area E was thus excluded from the initial referendum pertaining to the Ravensong Pool approval and budget.

The proposed changes contained in Bylaw 899 are arbitrary and are not based on any evidence of new material or fundamental changes to the needs of Area E residents. Furthermore, no rationale has been established for the proposed inclusion of Area E with respect to Ravensong's operating and capital costs, as we do not, as a community, benefit to any collective extent from this service. Nor by any definition is a pool considered 'necessary infrastructure', which is a specific requirement of the Ministries 2009 amendments to the Municipal Act.

Action Requested:

Please note: This delegation plans to attend in person.

The Board is currently considering two changes to Bylaw 899. It is our response to the Special Board Agenda materials that the Board should abide by its own survey results and not approve either change. Furthermore, it is our specific request that the Board does not approve the following changes:

- That Electoral Area E (Nanoose Bay) be added as a participating area (until and unless Area E has the opportunity to democratically decide to participate)
- Any modification to any funding model - unless or until accurate and transparent disclosure is made to all stakeholder groups - using legitimate stakeholder engagement processes - to provide clarity with respect to the significance of proposed changes, including actual costs involved, and which provides confidence in the fairness of proposed calculations against current usage.