

STAFF REPORT TO Regional District of Nanaimo Board October 24, 2023

Regional District of Nanaimo District 69 Swimming Pool Local Service Area Amendment Bylaw No. 899.03, 2023 – First Three Readings

RECOMMENDATION

That "Regional District of Nanaimo District 69 Swimming Pool Local Service Area Amendment Bylaw No. 899.03, 2023" be introduced and read three times, and be sent to the Inspector of Municipalities for approval.

BACKGROUND

At the September 12, 2023, Regular Board meeting the following resolutions were carried by the Board:

23-440

It was moved and seconded that the "Regional District of Nanaimo District 69 Swimming Pool Local Service Area Establishment Bylaw No. 899, 1993" be amended to include Electoral Areas E, F, G, H, City of Parksville and Town of Qualicum Beach, based on an apportionment model of 100% usage.

23-443

It was moved and seconded that the amendment to "Regional District of Nanaimo District 69 Swimming Pool Local Service Area Establishment Bylaw No. 899, 1993", proceed under the Local Government Act with the consent of at least 2/3 of the participants.

Regional District of Nanaimo District 69 Swimming Pool Local Service Area Amendment Bylaw No. 899.03, 2023, is attached to this report for consideration of the Board (Attachment 2). Should the Board give Bylaw 899.03 three readings and receive the consent of at least 2/3 of the participants, the bylaw will be sent to the Inspector of Municipalities for approval. The approval process at the Ministry could take approximately between 6-12 weeks, and if approved by the Inspector, Bylaw 899.03 would be brought back to the Board for consideration of adoption.

As has been the process with bylaws that have usage as a factor in determining taxation levels, once amended each participant's contribution will be based on use established by averaging data from the three most recent surveys conducted. Averages are used to level transitions between two survey cycles. For application in 2024, the surveys used will be 2010, 2015 and 2023. The 2023 survey is nearing completion and will be presented in February 2024 prior to adoption of the 2024 Budget with amendments for application.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

The Bylaw amendment, if adopted by the Board, would be anticipated to apply to the 2024 roll and be applicable to 2024 tax requisitions in the 2024 to 2028 Financial Plan. The proposed change to Bylaw 899 would result in new taxation for this service in Electoral Area E; for the other participating areas, there would be more participants that can contribute to the costs of operating and maintaining the Ravensong Aquatic Centre.

STRATEGIC PLAN ALIGNMENT

Planning and Managing for Growth - Understand and develop an inter-connected framework of strategies and plans to manage growth to support complete communities, including planning, transportation, infrastructure, and fiscal sustainability.

REVIEWED BY:

- T. Moore, Chief Financial Officer
- T. Osborne, General Manager, Recreation & Parks Services
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- D. Holmes, Chief Administrative Officer

ATTACHMENTS

- 1. Regional District of Nanaimo District 69 Swimming Pool Local Service Area Establishment Bylaw No. 899, 1993 (consolidated for convenience)
- 2. Regional District of Nanaimo District 69 Swimming Pool Local Service Area Amendment Bylaw No. 899.03, 2023 Draft