



REGIONAL
DISTRICT
OF NANAIMO

2025 RDN FALL BORROWING

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. That “Northern Community Sewer Local Service Plant Expansion Loan Authorization Bylaw No. 1935, 2025” be introduced and read three times and forwarded to the Inspector for approval.
2. That “Southern Community Sewer Local Service Wellington Pump Station Upgrade Temporary Borrowing Bylaw No. 1939, 2025” be introduced and read three times.
3. That “Southern Community Sewer Local Service Wellington Pump Station Upgrade Temporary Borrowing Bylaw No. 1939, 2025” be adopted.
4. That “Southern Community Sewer Local Service Grit and Sedimentation Tank Relining Temporary Borrowing Bylaw No. 1940, 2025” be introduced and read three times.
5. That “Southern Community Sewer Local Service Grit and Sedimentation Tank Relining Temporary Borrowing Bylaw No. 1940, 2025” be adopted.
6. That “Southern Community Sewer Local Service Grit and Sedimentation Tank Relining Security Issuing Bylaw No. 1941, 2025” be introduced and read three times.
7. That “Southern Community Sewer Local Service Grit and Sedimentation Tank Relining Security Issuing Bylaw No. 1941, 2025” be adopted.
8. That “Dashwood Fire Hall Security Issuing Bylaw No. 1942, 2025” be introduced and read three times.
9. That “Dashwood Fire Hall Security Issuing Bylaw No. 1942, 2025” be adopted.

BACKGROUND

The Board approved the 2025-2029 Financial Plan on December 10, 2024. The approved Financial Plan includes the following capital projects that require borrowing in 2025 and the Loan Authorization Bylaw, Temporary Borrowing Bylaws and Security Issuing Bylaws presented here will provide the financing required to undertake these projects.

The FCPC Expansion and Odour Control project is a \$143.7 million Northern Community Wastewater capital project undertaken to expand, upgrade and control odours at the French Creek Pollution Control Centre. This will increase plant capacity by about 30% to meet anticipated service demands to 2040, improve operational efficiency and replace aging infrastructure in the existing plant, incorporate extensive odour control upgrades, and contribute to carbon neutrality by using solar panels and recovering heat from treated effluent. On July 9, 2024, the Board passed motion 24-IC-130: “That the Board authorize an amendment to the 2024-2028 Financial Plan to

increase the budget of the French Creek Pollution Control Centre Expansion and Odour Control Project by \$33,700,000 to a revised total budget of \$143,700,000 with the additional budget amount being funded evenly between wastewater reserve, borrowing and DCCs.” The funding budget for this project includes \$77.0 million in long-term borrowing, for which the Loan Authorization Bylaw is attached.

Southern Community Sewer Local Service Wellington Pump Station Upgrade Loan Authorization Bylaw No. 1906 authorized borrowing of \$5.9 million for the purpose of upgrading the Wellington Pump Station. The Temporary Borrowing Bylaw No. 1939 will prevent the Loan Authorization Bylaw from expiring and secure these funds for use in the future as needed.

Southern Community Sewer Local Service Grit and Sedimentation Tank Relining Loan Authorization Bylaw No. 1907 authorized borrowing of \$6.3 million for the purpose of relining the Grit and Sedimentation Tank at the Greater Nanaimo Pollution Control Centre. To date, no funds have been borrowed for long-term borrowing, however, borrowing of \$1.5 million with Security Issuing Bylaw No. 1941 is required at this time to fund the project. This will leave \$4.8 million still to be borrowed as the project continues. The Temporary Borrowing Bylaw No. 1940 will secure these remaining funds and enable them to be drawn on in the future as needed.

Dashwood Fire Hall Loan Authorization Bylaw No. 1789 authorized borrowing \$6.2 million for the purpose of designing and constructing a new fire hall for the Dashwood Fire Hall Service Area. To date, \$3.2 million has been borrowed for long term borrowing. The additional borrowing of \$3 million with Security Issuing Bylaw No. 1942 will provide the financing required to fund the remaining costs of this project through completion.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

The 2025-2029 Financial Plan includes the borrowing and the repayment of the debt for the FCPC Plant Expansion project within the Northern Community Sewer Local Service Area as well as that for the Wellington Pump Station Upgrade and the Grit and Sedimentation Tank Relining projects within the Southern Community Sewer Local Service Area and the Dashwood Fire Hall Construction project in the Dashwood Fire Hall Service Area.

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ATTACHMENTS

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2. Southern Community Sewer Local Service Wellington Pump Station Upgrade Temporary Borrowing Bylaw No. 1939, 2025
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4. Southern Community Sewer Local Service Grit and Sedimentation Tank Relining Security Issuing Bylaw No. 1941, 2025
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