



DASHWOOD FIRE HALL ALTERNATIVE APPROVAL PROCESS 2022 RESULTS

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. That “Dashwood Fire Hall Service Amendment Bylaw No. 1785.01, 2022” be adopted.
2. That “Dashwood Fire Hall Loan Authorization Amendment Bylaw No. 1789.01 2022” be adopted.

BACKGROUND

At the February 8, 2022 Regional District of Nanaimo (RDN) Board meeting, the Board approved the following motions:

“That “Dashwood Fire Hall Service Amendment Bylaw No. 1785.01, 2022” be introduced, read three times, and forwarded to the Inspector of Municipalities for approval.”

“That “Dashwood Fire Hall Loan Authorization Amendment Bylaw No. 1789.01 2022” be introduced, read three times, and forwarded to the Inspector of Municipalities for approval.”

“That the approval of the electors be obtained by an alternative approval process, and that participating area approval is to be obtained for the entire service area.”

“That the Board approve the Elector Response form as provided in Attachment 3, establish 4:00 p.m. on Monday, June 20, 2022, as the deadline for receiving elector responses for the alternative approval process, and determine the total number of electors to which the approval process applies to be 1,542”¹

In accordance with the *Community Charter*, the Board approved an alternative approval process (AAP) to seek elector approval in the service area. As part of the AAP, electors opposed to the adoption of the Bylaws are required to sign an elector response form and submit it to the RDN prior to the established deadline of June 27, 2022. Approval of the electors by AAP is obtained if the number of elector responses received is less than 10% of the number of electoral of the service area.

For the purpose of conducting the AAP, the number of electors in the service area was determined to be 1,542. Therefore, if less than 154 elector response forms are received prior to June 27, 2022, at 4:00 p.m., electoral approval is deemed to have been obtained and the Board can proceed to adopt Bylaw No. 1785.01 and Bylaw No. 1789.01 (Attachments 1 and 2).

¹ The Board approved a revised deadline of June 27, 2022 at its May 10, 2022 RDN Board meeting.

There were 18 valid Elector Response Forms received by the deadline (see Corporate Officer's Certification – Attachment 3), therefore Bylaw No. 1785.01 and Bylaw No. 1789.01 have received approval of the electors by AAP and can be adopted by the Board.

To provide an opportunity for public information and participation, the RDN created a 'Get Involved' page in early April 2019 which is being kept updated throughout the project. The 'Get Involved' page was visited 724 times with 538 visitors classified as aware, 198 visitors as informed, and two (2) visitors as engaged. The RDN also notified registered users by direct email, posted details of the AAP on the RDN website, provided detailed notices in local print media, and responded to public question on both the project and the AAP.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

The replacement cost for the Dashwood Fire Hall is in the Board approved 2022-2026 Financial Plan.

STRATEGIC PLAN ALIGNMENT

Growth Management - Provide effective regional land use planning and responsible asset management for both physical infrastructure and natural assets.

REVIEWED BY:

- J. Hill, Manager, Legislative Services
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ATTACHMENTS:

1. Bylaw No. 1785.01, 2022
2. Bylaw No. 1789.01, 2022
3. Corporate Officer's Certification