

SUNSHINE COAST REGIONAL DISTRICT

NOTICE OF ALTERNATIVE APPROVAL PROCESS

Chapman Lake Water Supply Expansion Loan Authorization Bylaw No. 704, 2016

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT, the Sunshine Coast Regional District (SCRD) proposes to adopt *Chapman Lake Water Supply Expansion Loan Authorization Bylaw No. 704, 2016* to authorize borrowing of up to \$5,000,000 over a thirty year term for the design and construction of the Chapman Lake Water Supply Expansion Project. The costs of the debt will be recovered through a parcel tax on those properties that have access to Regional District water in the Water Supply and Distribution Service Area (Electoral Areas A – Egmont / Pender Harbour, B – Halfmoon Bay, D – Roberts Creek, E - Elphinstone, F – West Howe Sound and the District of Sechelt).

The Supply Expansion Project will provide access to additional stored water from Chapman Lake to be used during periods of drought and until long-term source development options specified in the Comprehensive Regional Water Plan are constructed.

Approval of the electors is required since the borrowing proposed is for a period longer than five years. The cost of repaying the debt over a thirty year period would be approximately \$246,857 per year for the term of the debt. The parcel tax would amount to approximately \$23 per parcel on an annual basis until the debt is retired.

More information on this matter can be viewed at the Sunshine Coast Regional District office, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday to Friday, except Statutory Holidays, at 1975 Field Road, Sechelt, BC. Information packages are also available at the Sechelt Aquatic Centre (5500 Shorncliffe Avenue, Sechelt), Gibsons and Area Community Centre (700 Park Road, Gibsons, BC) and the Pender Harbour Satellite/Water Office (12828 Lagoon Road, Madeira Park, BC) during their regular hours.

The SCR D Board may adopt Bylaw No. 704 and proceed with the borrowing as noted above if, after the deadline, elector response forms are certified by the Corporate Officer as having been signed by less than 10% of the eligible electors in the Water Supply and Distribution Service Area. If after the deadline elector response forms are certified by the Corporate Officer as having been signed by at least 10% of the eligible electors in the Service Area (calculated at **1,888** electors), the Board may not proceed with the borrowing under Bylaw No. 704 without obtaining assent of the electors in a voting proceeding.

Elector Response Forms

The response of the electors must be in the form established by the SCR D. Forms are available at the SCR D office located at 1975 Field Road, Sechelt. Forms are also available on the SCR D website at www.scrd.ca and where Information Packages are located as listed above. An accurate copy of the elector response form is also acceptable. For an elector response to be accepted it must meet the following conditions:

- only eligible electors within the Water Supply and Distribution Service Area are entitled to sign an elector response form;
- the full name of the elector must be stated;
- the residential address of the elector must be stated;
- the elector must sign the elector response form;
- if applicable, the address of the property in relation to which the person is entitled to vote as a non-resident property elector must be stated; and,
- the elector response form must be submitted to the Corporate Officer before the deadline.

Forms may be submitted in person or by mail to be received by the Corporate Officer at the Sunshine Coast Regional District office located at 1975 Field Road, Sechelt, B.C. V0N 3A1 **NO LATER THAN 4:30 P.M. ON Tuesday, July 26, 2016.** Elector response forms must be in the possession of the Corporate Officer by this time as postmarks **WILL NOT** be accepted as date of submission. **ELECTOR RESPONSE FORMS MAY NOT BE RETURNED BY FAX OR EMAIL.**

Eligible Elector

An eligible elector for the purpose of this Alternative Approval Process is a resident who meets the following criteria:

- is age eighteen or older;
- is a Canadian citizen;
- has been a resident of British Columbia for at least six months;
- has been a resident of the Service Area for at least thirty days; and,
- is not disqualified from voting by any enactment.

A non-resident property elector who meets the following criteria is also an eligible elector:

- is not entitled to register as a resident elector for the Service Area;
- is age eighteen or older;
- is a Canadian citizen;
- has been a resident of British Columbia for at least six months;
- has been a registered owner of the real property within the Service Area for at least thirty days; and,
- is not disqualified from voting by any enactment.

Note: Corporations are not entitled to vote nor is land held in a corporate name eligible to vote. In the case of multiple owners of a parcel, only one person may vote as a non-resident property elector.

More information on the AAP may be obtained by contacting Angie Legault, Senior Manager of Administration & Legislative Services/Corporate Officer at the SCR D office at 1975 Field Road or by telephone at 604-885-6825 or Sherry Reid, Deputy Corporate Officer at 604-885-6813. Information on the supply expansion project may be obtained from the Infrastructure Services Department at 604-885-6806.

Angie Legault
Corporate Officer