



News Release

Water Meter Alternative Approval Process Begins

Sechelt, BC – May 21, 2021 – As the Sunshine Coast Regional District (SCRD) continues work toward completing the installation of water meters in the region, an Alternative Approval Process (AAP) has been initiated. The purpose of this process is to seek elector approval to borrow up to \$7.25 million over a 15-year term to fund the final phase of the Water Meter Installations project in the Sechelt area.

The SCRD is working towards phase three of the water meter installation project for a number of reasons.

1. Water meters help residents with leak detection – thereby potentially saving millions of litres of water each year. These water savings will help the SCRD reach a goal of avoiding Stage 3 and 4 water conservation regulations.
2. Water meters will offer the opportunity for fair billing so you pay for what you use. A recent report found that 9% of households accounted for 38% of metered residential water use in 2020.
3. Demonstrating responsible water management practices such as water metering will help strengthen the SCRD's ability to obtain grants to assist in areas such as water supply system upgrades and improved service delivery.

So, what is an AAP? Quite simply, if the SCRD wants to take out a long-term loan, the approval of the electors is required. The AAP is a process **where you only submit a response form if you are opposed to the proposal** – in this case, opposed to the borrowing. The elector response form and information about the AAP is available on [the SCRD website](#) as well as at the SCRD office at 1975 Field Road at an area set up on the east side of building (see map below). Response forms may be submitted by mail or in-person and must be received at the SCRD Field Road office before 4:30 p.m. on July 7, 2021.



You will find the answers to many more questions on the dedicated [AAP page on the SCRD's engagement website](#), Let's Talk SCRD. On this site you will also have the opportunity to submit your questions and have them answered by SCRD staff.

Each Friday, the SCRD will be publishing some of the most common questions that have been asked on social media or directly to staff on the AAP process.

For more information, visit www.scrd.ca/Alternative-Approval-Process and join the discussion at Let's Talk SCRD. SCRD staff will also be available in-person at the Field Road office Monday to Friday from 8:30 am to 4:30 pm, excluding statutory holidays, to answer questions related to the AAP.

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