



NOTICE OF ALTERNATIVE APPROVAL PROCESS

An **Alternative Approval Process (AAP)** is a cost-effective method to engage with the community to determine whether there is support for certain initiatives, such as long-term borrowing, or other service-related projects. If 10% or more of the eligible electors oppose the initiative, the SCRD cannot proceed with it and must consider other options including going to an assent vote (referendum).

A unified AAP combines various initiatives and runs them concurrently at the same time every year with a goal of saving taxpayer dollars as well as supporting increased engagement efforts to ensure the community is aware of ways to have their say or get involved.

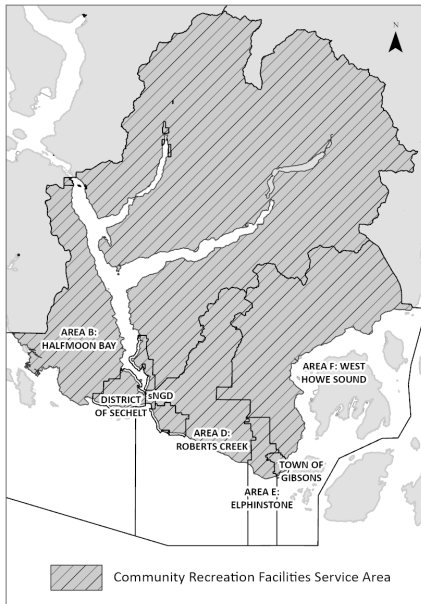
The SCRD is proposing to utilize long-term borrowing to fund the Community Recreation Roof Renewal and Halfmoon Bay Fire Rescue Apparatus projects described below. Eligible electors for each proposed initiative may submit an Elector Response Form to indicate their **opposition** to the SCRD

utilizing long-term borrowing to fund these initiatives. The response must be in the form established by the SCRD or be an accurate copy of the elector response form. Forms are available at the SCRD Field Road Administration office or online at www.scrd.ca/aap.

Three Ways to Submit an Elector Response Form to Oppose the Proposed Loan Authorization Bylaw(s):

- ✓ **Email** legislative@scrd.ca (Emailed copies of elector response forms must be a legible hand-signed scanned copy).
- ✓ **Drop off at the SCRD in Person** at 1975 Field Road, Sechelt, BC from Monday to Friday, 8:30 am to 4:30 pm, excluding statutory holidays, or drop off after hours in the mail drop slot located on the east side of the building.
- ✓ **Mail** to Sunshine Coast Regional District, 1975 Field Road, Sechelt, BC V7Z 0A8.

DEADLINE for receipt of Elector Response Forms at the SCRD is Monday, July 17, 2023 at 4:30 pm.
Forms **MUST** be received by the deadline in order to be counted.



Bylaw No. 741 24,086 eligible electors with 10% threshold being 2,408



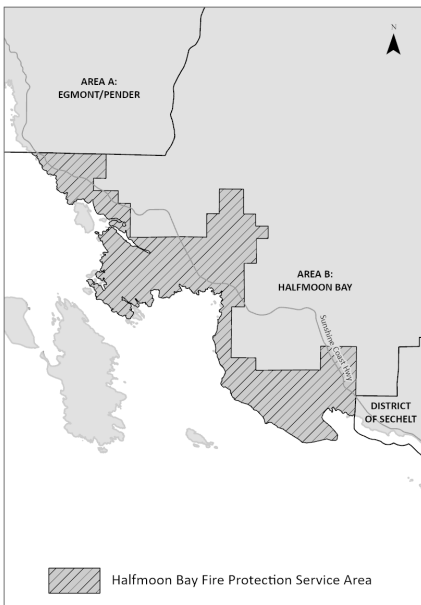
Community Recreation Facilities Service – Roof Renewal Project

Description: The roof membranes at both the Gibsons and Area Community Centre (GACC) and the Sechelt Aquatic Centre (SAC) are in poor condition and reaching the end of their expected service life. Replacement of the entire GACC roof membrane and the first of two sections of the SAC roof membrane is now required to ensure the continuation of recreation services to the community. To finance this project, the SCRD is proposing to borrow up to \$3,456,200 to be repaid over a 10-year term to replace the modified bitumen roofs at both GACC and SAC.

Taxpayer Impact: The portion of property tax allocated to debt repayment would amount to approximately \$6.64 per \$100,000 of assessed value on an annual basis until the debt is retired. The estimated annual principal and interest

payments over a ten-year period would be approximately \$439,736 per year for the term of the debt based on the current indicative long-term lending rate. The costs of the debt will be recovered through taxation on those properties within the SCRD Community Recreation Facilities Service Area (District of Sechelt, shíshálh Nation Government District, the Town of Gibsons, Electoral Areas of B – Halfmoon Bay, D – Roberts Creek, E - Elphinstone, and F – West Howe Sound, excluding those parts within the Trust Area under the jurisdiction of the Islands Trust). Borrowing requires approval of the electors since the loan term is for a period longer than 5 years.

Only eligible electors within the Community Recreation Facilities Service Area are entitled to sign an elector response form. The SCRD may proceed with long-term borrowing to fund the Community Recreation Facilities Roof Renewal Project unless, by the deadline, at least 10% (2,408) of the eligible electors in the service indicate their opposition.



Bylaw No. 742 2,349 eligible electors with 10% threshold being 234



Halfmoon Bay Fire Protection Service - Rescue Apparatus Replacement

Description: The existing Halfmoon Bay Fire Department Rescue Apparatus is 37 years old and is insufficient to meet the fire department's current needs. The Halfmoon Bay community has grown significantly since this truck was originally acquired, resulting in more than a 400% increase to the fire department's call volume. Many of these calls involve vehicle rescues and medical emergencies. A new Rescue Apparatus will provide Halfmoon Bay with a designated rescue vehicle, offering operational and safety improvements while carrying more rescue equipment and firefighters to emergency scenes more quickly. To finance this project, the Sunshine Coast Regional District (SCRD) is proposing to borrow up to \$623,200 to be repaid over a 10-year term to replace the Halfmoon Bay Fire Protection Service Rescue 1 Fire Apparatus.

Taxpayer Impact: The portion of property tax allocated to debt repayment would amount to approximately \$3.50 per \$100,000 of assessed value on an annual basis until the debt is retired. The estimated annual principal and interest payments over a ten-year period would be approximately \$79,043 per year for the term of the debt based on the current indicative long-term lending rate. The costs of the debt will be recovered through taxation on those properties within the Halfmoon Bay Fire Protection Service Area (Electoral Area B – Halfmoon Bay, excluding those parts within the Trust Area under the jurisdiction of the Islands Trust). Borrowing requires approval of the electors since the loan term is for a period longer than 5 years.

Only eligible electors within the Halfmoon Bay Fire Protection Service Area are entitled to sign an elector response form. The SCRD may proceed with long-term borrowing to fund the Fire Apparatus Replacement Project unless, by the deadline, at least 10% (234) of the eligible electors in the service indicate their opposition.

Copies of the loan authorization bylaws, the calculation of eligible electors, and other documents or reports related to these initiatives may be obtained from the SCRD website at www.scrd.ca/aap, or from the SCRD Field Road Office between 8:30 am and 4:30 pm Monday to Friday, excluding statutory holidays.

More information on the AAP may be obtained by contacting Sherry Reid, Corporate Officer at the SCRD office at 1975 Field Road, Sechelt, or by telephone at 604-885-6825, or by contacting Jennifer Hill, Deputy Corporate Officer at 604-885-6813.
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