



## NORTH COAST REGIONAL DISTRICT

### NOTICE OF ALTERNATIVE APPROVAL PROCESS

***Proposed adoption of Vancouver Island Regional Library Borrowing Service Establishment Bylaw No. 614, 2017 and Vancouver Island Regional Library Loan Authorization Bylaw No. 615, 2017***

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT** the Board of the North Coast Regional District (NCRD) proposes to adopt the “Vancouver Island Regional Library Borrowing Service Establishment Bylaw No. 614, 2017”, to establish a service for the NCRD to borrow funds on behalf of the Vancouver Island Regional Library (VIRL) and the “Vancouver Island Regional Library Loan Authorization Bylaw No. 615, 2017”, to authorize the borrowing of up to One and a Half Million Dollars (\$1,500,000) to lend to the VIRL for construction and renovation of library facilities in the Village of Queen Charlotte, the Village of Masset and Sandspit. Under an agreement with the NCRD, the VIRL would service the \$1,500,000 debt for the construction of facilities. The maximum requisition of \$170,000 contained in the borrowing service establishment bylaw is a safeguard to be levied only in the event that the VIRL is unable to meet its debt service obligations under its agreement with the NCRD.

**FURTHER NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT** the Board of the North Coast Regional District may adopt the “Vancouver Island Regional Library Borrowing Service Establishment Bylaw No. 614, 2017” and the “Vancouver Island Regional Library Loan Authorization Bylaw No. 615, 2017” 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 boundary of the participating area which is the whole of the Village of Queen Charlotte, the Village of Masset and Electoral Area E. 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 participating area (calculated to be **128**), the Board may not proceed with the adoption of the “Vancouver Island Regional Library Borrowing Service Establishment Bylaw No. 614, 2017” and the “Vancouver Island Regional Library Loan Authorization Bylaw No. 615, 2017” and may not proceed with the process unless the matter receives assent of the electors in a voting proceeding.

#### **Elector Response Forms**

The response of the electors must be in the form established by the NCRD. Forms are available at the NCRD office (14-342 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue West, Prince Rupert). Blank forms can be mailed, faxed, or e-mailed, upon request. An accurate copy of the elector response form may be utilized, provided that it is made of the form prior to any electors signing such form, so that only elector response forms with original signatures are submitted. For an elector response to be accepted it must meet the following conditions:

- only eligible electors of the NCRD 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 NCRD office located at 14-342 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue West, Prince Rupert, BC V8J 1L5 **NO LATER THAN 4:30 P.M. ON Friday, October 6, 2017.** 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. **FORMS MAY NOT BE RETURNED BY FAX.**

### **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 Regional District for at least thirty days; and,
- is not disqualified from voting by the *Local Government Act* or any other act.

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 Regional District;
- 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 Regional District for at least thirty days; and,
- is not disqualified from voting by the *Local Government Act* or any other act.

Note: Corporations or land held in a corporate name are not entitled to vote. In the case of multiple owners of a parcel, only one person (with the consent of the majority of owners) may vote as a non-resident property elector.

### **What is an Alternative Approval Process?**

On January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2004 the *Community Charter* came into force and prescribes two methods by which a local government may seek approval of the electors. These are *Assent of the Electors* (which is approval by voting) or *Alternative Approval Process* which allows a Board to proceed with an action unless at least 10% of the electors state their opposition within a prescribed period. In this case, the Board has opted for the latter process. If at least 10% of the electors state their opposition to the proposed action, the matter requires the *Assent of the Electors* if the Board wishes to proceed. The *Alternative Approval Process* under the *Community Charter* replaces the *Counter Petition Opportunity* under the *Local Government Act* that some may have been familiar with.

More information may be obtained by contacting Daniel Fish, Corporate Officer at the North Coast Regional District office at 14-342 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue West, Prince Rupert, BC or by telephone at 250-624-2002.

Daniel Fish, Corporate Officer