

Public Notice of Alternative Approval Process

Notice to Electors within the Comox Valley Water Supply System Service Area, which includes the Town of Comox, City of Courtenay and Electoral Areas 'A' (Baynes Sound, Denman/Hornby Islands), 'B' (Lazo North) and 'C' (Puntledge/Black Creek) of the Comox Valley Regional District regarding Bylaw No. 504 "Comox Valley Water Treatment Project Loan Authorization Bylaw No. 504, 2017."

Overview: At its November 7, 2017 meeting, the Comox Valley Regional District (CVRD) Board of Directors proposed to adopt Bylaw No. 504 being "Comox Valley Water Treatment Project Loan Authorization Bylaw No. 504, 2017" that would authorize the borrowing of twenty-nine million dollars (\$29,000,000) to be repaid over a maximum 25-year period for the construction of a new water treatment system.

In general terms, the purpose of the borrowing is to construct a new water treatment system, which includes a deep water intake, raw water pump station, raw water pipeline, water treatment plant, and treated water pipeline. These improvements will bring the water supply system into compliance with provincial regulations and enhance water quality and safety, as well as providing water security for our region.

Area: The Comox Valley Water Supply Service Area comprises the Town of Comox, City of Courtenay and Comox Valley Regional District Electoral Area A (Baynes Sound, Denman/Hornby Islands), Electoral Area B (Lazo North) and Electoral Area C (Puntledge – Black Creek). For detailed map refer to the CVRD website at: www.comoxvalleyrd.ca/aap

Ratepayer Implications: Only those who are connected to the water supply system will repay the borrowed funds. Customers include property owners in the City of Courtenay, Town of Comox and the Comox Valley Water Local Service Areas being Marsden/Camco, Arden, Greaves Crescent, Comox Valley, England Road and Sandwick. The average impact on residential customers for the borrowing of the project is estimated at \$86 per household per year over a maximum of 25 years.

Alternative Approval Process: In accordance with Section 86 of the Community Charter, the CVRD is seeking the approval of the electors within the Comox Valley Water Supply System Service Area by means of the Alternative Approval Process (AAP). Therefore, eligible electors within the service area opposed to the CVRD borrowing these funds may petition against the adoption of Bylaw No. 504 by signing an elector response form, which may be obtained from the Comox Valley Regional District. The number of eligible electors within the boundaries of the service area has been fairly determined to be 47,845 and the number of valid elector response forms required to prevent the adoption of Bylaw No. 504 without first obtaining the assent of the electors by referendum is 4,785.

Elector Response Form: Elector responses must be in the format established by the Board of Directors. Forms may be obtained from the CVRD or from its website at www.comoxvalleyrd.ca/aap and may only be signed by electors of the Comox Valley Water Supply System Service Area.

Deadline: The deadline for delivering the signed elector response forms to the CVRD is 4:30 pm on Friday, March 16, 2018. Emailed or faxed copies are acceptable however they must include the elector's signature. Forms must be received by the deadline in order to be counted.

Copies of Bylaw No. 504 and records relating to the bylaw may be obtained from the CVRD offices at 600 Comox Road, Courtenay, BC during regular office hours Monday to Friday (excluding public holidays) from the date of this notice until March 16, 2018 or from the website at: www.comoxvalleyrd.ca/aap

For further information, or to obtain the elector response forms, please contact the Comox Valley Regional District office at 600 Comox Road, Courtenay, B.C. V9N 3P6 or by telephone at: 250-334-6000 or toll-free at 1-800-331-6007 or by e-mail at: administration@comoxvalleyrd.ca