



NOTICE TO ELECTORS OF THE CITY OF NANAIMO OF AN ALTERNATIVE APPROVAL PROCESS

“NANAIMO OPERATIONS CENTRE PHASE ONE BORROWING BYLAW 2023 NO. 7362”

A Bylaw to authorize the borrowing of up to \$48,500,000 for the first phase of construction of the Nanaimo Operations Centre.

Notice is Hereby Given That, pursuant to the *Community Charter*, the Council of the City of Nanaimo intends to adopt “NANAIMO OPERATIONS CENTRE PHASE ONE BORROWING BYLAW 2023 NO. 7362” that will be repaid over a period not to exceed twenty (20) years.

If adopted, the bylaw will authorize Council to borrow up to \$48,500,000 to finance the cost of Phase 1 of construction of the Nanaimo Operations Centre, which will include the following projects:

- i) \$40,000,000 to construct a Fleet and Maintenance Facility, a truck wash and dump facility, and site servicing for 2020 Labieux Road;
- ii) \$4,500,000 to construct storm water management facilities at 2300 Bowen Road for storm water from 2020 Labieux Road;
- iii) \$1,250,000 to retrofit an existing fire training apparatus located at 2020 Labieux Road to facilitate the required additional site utilization; and
- iv) \$2,750,000 to construct a multi-use pathway at 2300 Bowen Road in lieu of frontage improvements normally associated with development at 2020 Labieux Road.

The bylaw, if adopted, will also empower Council to acquire all such real property, easements, rights of way, licenses, rights or authorities as may be requisite or desirable for or in connection with the construction of the projects listed above. This includes the planning, study, design and construction of the first phase of the Nanaimo Operations Centre, including services generally to buildings, works and operations facilities to serve the City of Nanaimo. The loan, if borrowed, will have to be repaid over a period not exceeding twenty (20) years.

A copy of the proposed bylaw and other information regarding the construction of Phase 1 of the Nanaimo Operations Centre are available for viewing on the City website at www.nanaimo.ca or at the Legislative Services Department at City Hall, 455 Wallace Street, Nanaimo, BC, from January 10, 2024, to February 20, 2024, during regular office hours: Monday – Friday from 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. excluding statutory holidays.

Further Notice is Hereby Given That the City may proceed with the borrowing and undertaking of Phase 1 of the construction of the Nanaimo Operations Centre and related projects unless, by the deadline, at least 10% of the electors of the City of Nanaimo sign and submit an elector response form opposing the borrowing and indicating that Council must obtain the assent of the electors (referendum).

For the purpose of this elector response opportunity, the number of elector responses required to prevent the City from proceeding with the borrowing bylaw without the assent of electors (referendum) is determined to be at least 7,889. A report respecting the basis on which this determination was made is available upon request.

Elector Response Forms

The response of the electors must be in the form established by the Council of the City of Nanaimo. Elector Response Forms are available from Legislative Services at City Hall, 455 Wallace Street, Nanaimo, BC V9R 5J6, on the City website at www.nanaimo.ca, or by phoning (250) 755-4405, Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. excluding statutory holidays.

An accurate copy of the elector response form may be utilized (either single-sided or double-sided), provided that the copy is made prior to any electors signing such form, so that only elector response forms with original signatures are submitted.

Elector Response Form Deadline

Commencing January 18, 2024, Elector Response Forms may be submitted in person or by mail to be received by the Corporate Officer, Legislative Services Department located at City Hall, 455 Wallace Street, Nanaimo, BC V9R 5J6 **NO LATER THAN 4:30 P.M. 2024-FEB-20**. Elector response forms must be in possession of the Corporate Officer by this time, as postmarks **WILL NOT** be accepted as date of submissions.

ORIGINAL SIGNATURES ARE REQUIRED SO THE ELECTOR RESPONSE FORMS MAY NOT BE RETURNED BY EMAIL OR BY FAX.

Eligible Electors

The only persons entitled to sign an elector response form are the electors within the municipal boundaries of the City of Nanaimo, which is the area to which the approval process applies. Eligible electors are persons who meet all of the following Resident or Non-Resident Property Elector qualifications:

A Resident Elector must:

- be 18 years of age or older;
- be a Canadian citizen;
- have been a resident of British Columbia for at least 6 months immediately before signing the elector response form;
- be a resident of the City of Nanaimo;
- not be disqualified by any enactment from voting in an election or otherwise disqualified by law; and,
- sign the elector response form and provide their municipal address.

A Non-Resident Property Elector must:

- not be entitled to register as a resident elector in the City of Nanaimo;
- be 18 years of age or older;
- be a Canadian citizen;
- have been a resident of British Columbia for at least 6 months immediately before signing the elector response form;
- have owned real property in the City of Nanaimo for at least 30 days before signing the elector response form;
- not be disqualified by any enactment from voting in an election or otherwise disqualified by law;
- not be registered as a non-resident property elector in relation to any other parcel of real property within the City of Nanaimo; and,
- Provide their name and the address of the property in relation to which they are registering.

NOTE: If there is more than one registered owner of the property (either as joint tenants or tenants in common), only one of those individuals may, with written consent of the majority of the owner, register as a non-resident property elector. No corporation is entitled to be registered as an elector or have a representative registered as an elector and no corporation is entitled to vote.

More information may be obtained on the Alternative Approval Process by contacting Sheila Gurrie, Corporate Officer, at the City of Nanaimo City Hall at 455 Wallace Street, Nanaimo, BC V9R 5J6, or by telephone at (250) 755-4405.