

NEWS RELEASE

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Alternative Approval Process for Public Works Yard Updates begins next week

Residents invited to attend a Public Works tour to learn more about the project and AAP

Summary

An Alternative Approval Process (AAP) to obtain approval from residents to borrow an amount not to exceed \$90 million to finance the cost of constructing a fleet maintenance and a crew and administration building begins on Wednesday, Sept. 18, 2024. Eligible voters in Nanaimo will have a 42-day period to oppose the borrowing bylaw and may do so by filling out an elector response form which will be available to pick up at City Hall or the City's website beginning at 8:30 a.m. on Sept. 18, 2024. If you are in favour of the City borrowing the funding for this project, no action is required.

As in an election, each eligible voter is permitted one response. Completed forms must be received by the Corporate Officer no later than by 4:30 p.m. on Thursday, Oct. 31, 2024. Details on how to submit a completed form can be found on the City's Alternative Approval Process page.

The City is hosting tours of the Public Works Yard for residents to learn more about the project, the services Public Works provides and the AAP. Register for a 45-minute guided tour of Nanaimo's Public Works Yard online at recreation.nanaimo.ca (click "Register for a Program" and search "Public Works") or call 250-756-5200. Tours take place:

- Wednesday, Oct. 2 between 9 a.m. – 12 p.m.
- Saturday, Oct. 5 between 9 a.m. – 12 p.m.
- Wednesday, Oct. 23 between 9 a.m. – 12 p.m.

To learn about how an Alternative Approval Process works and eligibility requirements, visit www.nanaimo.ca/goto/AAP. For more information on the Public Works Yard Updates Project Alternative Approval Process visit the City website at www.nanaimo.ca/goto/PWY-AAP and for more information on the project visit www.nanaimo.ca/goto/PWY-Updates.

Strategic Link: N/A

Key Points

- The Alternative Approval Process begins on Wednesday, Sept. 18, 2024 at 8:30 a.m. and runs until 4:30 p.m. on Thursday, Oct. 31, 2024.
- If 10 per cent or more of eligible voters submit an elector response form in opposition, the borrowing bylaw will be brought back to Council to determine if Council would like to proceed with the matter and next steps.
- The City is hosting tours to educate residents about the project, Public Works services and the AAP process. Residents can attend a tour of Nanaimo's Public Works Yard to gain insight, ask questions and make informed decisions.
- The Public Works Yard Updates Project will see the replacement of two buildings – the fleet maintenance building and the crew and administration building.

Quotes

"Residents are invited to learn more about the project and the AAP by attending a tour of the Public Works Yard. Should an eligible elector oppose the borrowing bylaw, they can fill out an elector response form which will be available at City Hall or by downloading one from the City website. Response forms will be available beginning 8:30 a.m. on Sept. 18 and must be submitted by 4:30 p.m. on Oct. 31, 2024, in person, through our online submission form or via mail to City Hall."

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