

Alternative Approval Process for Okanagan Regional Library Establishment Bylaw No. 1477 and Loan Authorization Bylaw No. 1478

Regional District of Central Okanagan Board Meeting

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Purpose

- To direct staff to undertake an Alternative Approval Process for the Okanagan Regional Library Establishment Bylaw No. 1477 and Loan Authorization Bylaw No. 1478.
- The Regional Board gave third reading to the bylaws on May 13, 2021. The Inspector of Municipalities approved both bylaws on May 21st.

Background

- The Okanagan Regional Library on Feb 22nd requested assistance from the RDCO to access Municipal Finance Authority (MFA) capital funding up to \$8mil for a new West Kelowna Library.
- Library Districts are not permitted to borrow directly from MFA.
- There will be no financial impact to the RDCO.

Background

- Section 86(3) of the Community Charter requires that for each alternative approval process, the Board of Directors must:
 - Establish the deadline for receiving elector responses;
 - Establish the elector response form;
 - Make a fair determination of the total number of electors to which the approval process applies.

Background

- Staff propose the deadline date to receive responses be established as 4:00 p.m. on July 12, 2021.
- The elector response form will be available to eligible electors within the entire service area of the Central Okanagan.
- If 10% (16,478) of the estimated number of electors sign and submit an elector response form opposing adoption of Bylaw No. 1477 and Bylaw No. 1478 before the established deadline, the Board cannot adopt the Bylaw without receiving the assent of the electors by way of referendum.

Recommendation

THAT the Regional Board authorizes staff to undertake an Alternative Approval Process in the entire Central Okanagan service area to determine the opinion of the electors with regard to:

- Regional District of Central Okanagan Okanagan Regional Library Service Area Establishment Bylaw No. 1477, 2021; AND
- Regional District of Central Okanagan Okanagan Regional Library Loan Authorization Bylaw No. 1478

AND FURTHER THAT the Regional Board approves the following with regard to the AAP for the proposed bylaw:

- That the deadline for receiving elector responses be 4:00 p.m. on July 12, 2021
- That the Elector Response Form be approved; and
- That the estimated number of eligible voters to which the Alternative Approval Process applies be established at 164,786