



BOARD REPORT

DATE OF REPORT September 21, 2015
MEETING TYPE & DATE Board Meeting of October 14, 2015
FROM: Legislative Services Division
Corporate Services Department
SUBJECT: Cowichan River Watershed Management Service Establishment –
Notice of Alternative Approval Process and Deadline for Responses
FILE: Bylaw No. 3930

PURPOSE/INTRODUCTION

The purpose of this report is to set the deadline date for the Cowichan River Water Management Service Establishment Alternative Approval Process.

RECOMMENDED RESOLUTION

That the deadline for responses for the Alternative Approval Process for "CVRD Bylaw No. 3930 – Cowichan River Water Management Service Establishment Bylaw, 2015" be set at 4:30 pm, Wednesday, December 2, 2015.

BACKGROUND

At their meeting held on June 10, 2015, the Board approved proceeding with the establishment of a Cowichan River Water Management Service and gave third reading to Cowichan River Water Management Service Establishment Bylaw No. 3930 on September 9, 2015. The bylaw was subsequently forwarded to the Inspector of Municipalities for approval. Provincial approval has been received, and the Board may now proceed with obtaining public approval (elector consent) through an Alternative Approval Process.

Pursuant to Section 801.3 of the *Local Government Act* and Section 86 of the *Community Charter*, the Board must set the deadline for receiving elector responses for the Alternative Approval Process. The attached Notice of Alternative Approval Process and Elector Response Form set the deadline for responses for Bylaw No. 3930 at 4:30 pm, Wednesday, December 2, 2015.

ANALYSIS

If established, the Cowichan River Water Management Service would provide management of water quality and quantity in the Cowichan River Watershed. The maximum amount of money that may be requisitioned annually in support of this service shall be the greater of \$600,000 or an amount equal to the amount that could be raised by a property value tax of \$0.1083 per \$1,000 of net taxable value of land and improvements within the service area. The maximum cost to residential property owners with a residential property assessed at \$100,000 would be \$9.13 per year.

If less than 10% (2,992) of all electors within the proposed service area sign an Elector Response Form, the bylaw will be deemed to have the approval of the electors and the Board may adopt the bylaw. For the purpose of conducting the alternative approval process, the number of service area electors is calculated at 29,916.

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

Advertising costs for the Alternative Approval Process are estimated to be \$1,000 which will be recovered from the Cowichan River Water Management Service (if the Service is established) or from General Government (if the Service is not established).

COMMUNICATION CONSIDERATIONS

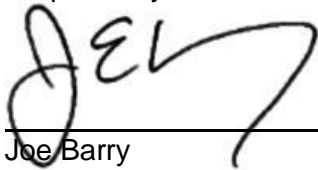
Pursuant to statutory requirements, the attached Notice of Alternative Approval Process will be published in the Cowichan Valley Citizen on October 21 and October 28; appear as a website Newsflash; and will be posted on our social media accounts at the beginning of the process.

Throughout the process, the Notice of Alternative Approval Process, Elector Response Form and additional background information will be available under the "Public Notices" section on our website.

STRATEGIC/BUSINESS PLAN CONSIDERATIONS

N/A


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ATTACHMENTS:

Attachment A – Notice of Alternative Approval Process – CVRD Bylaw No. 3930
Attachment B – Elector Response Form – CVRD Bylaw No. 3930