

NEWS RELEASE

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City completes declaration of referendum results

Voters not in favour of borrowing funds to build events centre

Summary

The City of Nanaimo's Chief Election Officer, Sheila Gurrie, has declared the results of the referendum (Non-Election Assent Voting) with 80.3 per cent of voters not in favour of Nanaimo City Council adopting Loan Authorization Bylaw 2017 No. 7237.

The bylaw would have authorized Council to borrow a sum not exceeding \$80,000,000, repayable over a period of no more than 20 years, for the development and construction of an event centre that would include an ice arena and other related entertainment, cultural and recreation facilities.

Strategic Link: N/A

Key Points

- The results of the 2017 Referendum (Non-Election Assent Voting) are now considered final.
- Voter turnout was 35.3 per cent of the registered voters, which was a 1.2 per cent increase in turnout compared to 2014 general election (34.1 per cent).

Quotes

"With 23,885 ballots cast, we had a record turnout of voters in this referendum. This was an increase over the 2014 general election and I would like to once again thank the members of our community who came out and voted."

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