

NEWS RELEASE

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Alternative Approval Process for Fire Station Rebuild Begins

Process runs April 3 - May 4

Summary

The Alternative Approval Process (AAP) to gain resident's permission to borrow funds to rebuild Fire Station #1 begins today. Eligible voters in Nanaimo will have a 30-day period to vote against the borrowing bylaw and may do so by filling out a response form available at City Hall as well as on the City website.

As in an election, each eligible voter is permitted one response. Completed forms must be dropped off or mailed to City Hall by 4:30 p.m. on Friday, May 4, 2018; the City cannot accept copies of forms or ones that are emailed or faxed.

Please view the informative video about this AAP, available on the online version of this news release. To find more information on the Alternative Approval Process and who is eligible to respond in the process, please visit www.nanaimo.ca/goto/AAP.

Strategic Link: Rebuilding Fire Station #1 supports Public Safety and Asset Management.

Key Points

- The Alternative Approval Process runs from Tuesday, April 3 through to Friday, May 4 at 4:30 p.m.
- Residents who DO NOT wish to borrow the funds to rebuild Fire Station #1 may fill out an Elector Response Form and hand it in or mail it to City Hall. All forms must arrive by 4:30 p.m. on Friday, May 4, 2018. Forms can be mailed to the attention of the Corporate Officer, Legislative Services, City Hall, 455 Wallace Street, Nanaimo, BC V9R 5J6.
- If 10% or more of eligible voters submit an Alternative Approval Process 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.

Quotes

"All eligible electors can print off as many Elector Response forms they would like, pick them up, hand them out and have them returned to City Hall by May 4. An individual does not have to vote in person, or return the form themselves."

Sheila Gurrie
City Clerk
City of Nanaimo

Quick Facts

- The Fire Station #1 Borrowing Bylaw 2018 No. 7257 which received three readings of Council on February 19, 2018, will see the City borrowing a sum not exceeding \$17,000,000, repayable over a period of no more than 20 years.
- During their meeting on Monday, February 19, 2018, Nanaimo City Council voted to conduct an Alternative Approval Process to gain permission from residents to borrow funds for the rebuild of Fire Station #1. The bylaw was then sent to the Province for their approval.
- Councils most commonly use an AAP to gauge public opinion - it is a less expensive option than using Assent Voting (also known as a Referendum) and can be used whenever the legislation requires the City to obtain permission from the electors.

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