

NEWS RELEASE

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Park dedication removal for 502 Howard Ave to go to Alternative Approval Process

Removal of old Harewood School field to facilitate the Te'tuxwtun project

Summary

The City of Nanaimo will commence an Alternative Approval Process (AAP) to gain permission from residents to remove park dedication from the old Harewood School field located at 502 Howard Avenue. The process begins Wednesday, Sept. 6, 2023, and will run until Tuesday, Oct. 10, 2023.

The Park Dedication Bylaw Amendment Bylaw 2023 No. 7182.01, which received three readings from Council on Aug. 28, 2023, will remove the park land designation on 502 Howard Avenue. This AAP is running concurrently with City Plan Amendment Application No. OCP103 and Rezoning Application No. RA493 as part of the Te'tuxwtun Project.

The Te'tuxwtun Project is a joint initiative between Snuneymuxw First Nation, the City of Nanaimo, BC Housing and Nanaimo Ladysmith Public Schools to redevelop the properties at 564 Fifth Street, 502 and 505 Howard Avenue.

A notice and more information on the Alternative Approval Process will be released in the coming week. To stay up to date, visit www.nanaimo.ca/goto/aap.

For more information on the Te'tuxwtun project visit <https://letstalkhousingbc.ca/nanaimo-tetuxwtun>.

Strategic Link: The Te'tuxwtun project supports City Plan's goals and will provide much needed housing to the growing community. Communicating with the community and providing the opportunity to be heard through the AAP process reflects Council's commitment to governance excellence.

Key Points

- The Alternative Approval Process will run from Wednesday, Sept. 6 until Tuesday, Oct. 10 at 4:30 p.m.
- Residents who DO NOT support the removal of the park dedication at 502 Howard Avenue may fill out an Elector Response Form which will be made available on Wednesday, Sept. 6.
- If 10 per cent or more of eligible voters submit an Alternative Approval Process form in opposition, the park dedication removal bylaw will be brought back to Council to determine if Council would like to proceed with the matter and next steps.

Quotes

"The Alternative Approval Process provides eligible electors with the opportunity to voice their concerns with the proposed removal of the field at 502 Howard Avenue to facilitate the Te'tuxwtun project. The AAP will be conducted in accordance with legislation and we encourage those interested to stay up to date by visiting the City website and following our social media channels."

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