

## NEWS RELEASE

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### Alternative Approval Process begins for park dedication removal

#### Summary

The Alternative Approval Process (AAP) to gain residents' permission to remove park dedication from 502 Howard Avenue (Old Harewood School Field), to facilitate the Te'tuxwtun Project, begins today.

Eligible voters in Nanaimo will have a 33-day period to voice their opposition to the removal of park land dedication on 502 Howard Avenue and may do so by filling out an elector response form available at City Hall, or 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 Tuesday, Oct. 10, 2023; the City cannot accept copies of forms or ones that are emailed or faxed.

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

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](http://www.nanaimo.ca/goto/aap).

*Strategic Link:* n/a

#### Key Points

- The Alternative Approval Process runs from Wednesday, Sept. 6 through to Tuesday, Oct. 10 at 4:30 p.m.
- Residents who DO NOT wish to remove park land designated from 502 Howard Avenue 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 Tuesday, October 10, 2023. Forms can be mailed to the attention of the Corporate Officer, Legislative Services, City Hall, 455 Wallace Street, Nanaimo, BC V9R 5J6.
- If 10 per cent or more of eligible voters submit an Elector Response 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

"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 Oct. 10. An individual does not have to vote in person, or return the form themselves."

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