

STATEMENT

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Alternative Approval Process Results - Nanaimo Operations Centre Borrowing Bylaw

The City of Nanaimo ran an Alternative Approval Process (AAP) to obtain approval of the electors for the adoption of "Nanaimo Operation Centre Phase One Borrowing Bylaw 2023 No. 7362" following Council direction provided at their meeting held June 19, 2023. This bylaw will authorize the City to borrow up to \$48,500,000 for phase one construction of the Nanaimo Operations Centre.

Notice of the AAP was published in the Sept. 27, 2023, edition of the Nanaimo News Bulletin and on the City of Nanaimo website. In addition to these two statutory notices, the City hosted an information session on Sept. 13, 2023. Other methods of communicating the AAP that were used included issuing four news releases, posting to the City's social media channels (@cityofnanaimo on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram), producing two videos providing information on how to participate in the AAP and what the Nanaimo Operations Centre project was, posting information to the City website including the homepage and putting up posters in City facilities. The notice and supporting information also appeared on the City's website and public notice board.

The deadline for the receipt of elector response forms for "Nanaimo Operations Centre Phase One Borrowing Bylaw 2023 No. 7362" was 4:30 p.m. on Friday, Nov. 3, 2023.

On the basis of the elector response forms received before the deadline, the Corporate Officer has determined and certified that the elector approval in accordance with Section 86 of the Community Charter has been obtained. The Corporate Officer's determination is final and conclusive. [Community Charter, section 86(9)]

Number of Valid Elector Response Forms received prior to the deadline: 3,035

Ten per cent of electors within the City of Nanaimo: 7,799

Council may proceed with the adoption of "Nanaimo Operation Centre Phase One Borrowing Bylaw 2023 No. 7362".

For more information visit the <u>Alternative Approval Process page on the City website</u>.

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