

NEWS RELEASE

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AAP begins for park dedication removal for portion of Elaine Hamilton Park

Summary

The Alternative Approval Process (AAP) to gain residents' permission to remove park dedication from a portion of Elaine Hamilton Park, located at 1631 Naylor Crescent, begins today. The portion of parkland to be removed would be dedicated as a road for the purpose of providing access to lands for future housing as part of the Sandstone development.

Elaine Hamilton Park consists of approximately 7.31 acres (2.96 hectares) of land. The proposed partial park dedication removal area, located at the north end of the park, is approximately 1.03 acres (0.417 hectares). The existing washroom/fieldhouse facility will need to be removed for the road to be built; however, a replacement facility will be rebuilt in the park by the developer.

For those who are in favour of the project, no action is required. Eligible voters in Nanaimo will have a 33-day period to voice their opposition to the removal of park land dedication from a portion of 1631 Naylor Crescent 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 received by the deadline of 4:30 p.m. on Monday, July 21, 2025. Details on how to submit a completed form can be found on the City's Alternative Approval Process page: www.nanaimo.ca/goto/aap.

For more information on this AAP please visit www.nanaimo.ca/goto/sandstone-aap.

Strategic Link: The Sandstone 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 runs from Wednesday, June 18 through to Monday, July 21 at 4:30 p.m.
- Residents who do not wish to remove park land designation from a portion of Elaine Hamilton Park (located at 1631 Naylor Crescent) may fill out and sign an Elector Response Form and return it either in person, via mail, or through an online submission page on the City website. In order to be counted, forms must be received by the deadline of 4:30 p.m. on July 21.
- 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

"An AAP provides a number of ways for eligible electors to submit forms expressing their opposition, and plenty of time to do so. We encourage those interested in learning more to review the information on the City website."

Sheila Gurrie
Director, Legislative Services
City of Nanaimo

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