



CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF ESQUIMALT

NOTICE OF ALTERNATE APPROVAL PROCESS

Public Safety Building Improvements Loan Authorization Bylaw, 2021, No. 3021

In accordance with Sections 84 and 86(2) of the *Community Charter*, the Council of the Township of Esquimalt hereby gives notice of its intention to adopt “Public Safety Building Improvements Loan Authorization Bylaw, 2021, No. 3021” to facilitate borrowing of up to \$35,000,000 (thirty-five million dollars) to be repaid over a period not to exceed 30 (thirty) years in order to finance the costs of Public Safety Building Improvements to serve the Township (the “Service Area”). The Service Area affects the Township in its entirety and is shown outlined in the attached map of the electoral area.

The Council of the Township of Esquimalt further advises that it may proceed with the adoption of Bylaw No. 3021 unless, by the deadline, Elector Response Forms are certified by the Corporate Officer as having been signed by at least 10% (1380) of the electors of the Service Area indicating that the Council must obtain the assent of the electors (referendum) before proceeding. Elector Response Forms must be given in the form established by the Corporate Officer as authorized by the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Esquimalt and will be provided to electors of the Service Area upon request. A copy of Bylaw No. 3021 is available for public inspection, and Elector Response Forms and further information can be obtained on the Township website at www.esquimalt.ca and at Municipal Hall, 1229 Esquimalt Road, Esquimalt, BC, V9A 3P1, Phone 250-414-7100 during regular office hours: Monday to Friday from 8:30 am – 4:30 pm, excluding statutory holidays. Public access hours to Municipal Hall may be reduced due to any Ministerial Orders in place related to COVID-19 therefore an appointment may be required.

Deadline

The AAP will commence on **Friday April 9th, 2021**, and **Signed Elector Response Forms** must be received by the **Corporate Officer** at the Township of Esquimalt located at 1229 Esquimalt Road, Victoria, BC, V9A 3P1, by **4:30 PM on Monday May 10th, 2021** to be counted.

For the purpose of conducting this elector response opportunity, the number of eligible electors is determined to be 13802. If **less than 10% (1380)** of the electors of the Service Area sign and submit an Elector Response Form to the Township of Esquimalt by the deadline, the Corporation of the Township of Esquimalt Council may proceed to adopt Bylaw No. 3021. If 1380 or more electors return signed Elector Response Forms by the deadline, the Bylaw cannot be adopted by the Corporation of the Township of Esquimalt Council without obtaining the assent of the electors (referendum).

The only persons entitled to sign the Elector Response Forms are the electors in the Service Area within the Township of Esquimalt (outlined in the attached map), which is the area to which the approval process applies. Eligible electors are persons meeting all of the following Resident or Non-Resident Property Elector qualifications:

A Resident Elector:

1. You are 18 years of age or older;
2. You are a Canadian citizen;
3. You have been a resident of British Columbia for at least six months immediately before signing the Elector Response Form;
4. You have been a resident of the Township of Esquimalt for at least 30 days immediately before signing the Elector Response Form; and,
5. You are not disqualified from voting by any statute or law.

A Non-Resident Property Elector:

1. You are 18 years of age or older;
 2. You are a Canadian citizen;
 3. You are a resident of BC for at least six months immediately before signing the Elector Response Form;
 4. You are a registered owner of real property in the Township of Esquimalt for at least 30 days immediately before signing the Elector Response Form;
 5. You are not eligible to vote as a resident elector in the Township of Esquimalt;
 6. You must only register in relation to one piece of property; and
- If more than one person owns the property, only one owner may register and that person must have the written consent of a majority of the other owners.

No corporation is entitled to be registered as an elector or have a representative registered as an elector, and no corporation is entitled to vote.

Information related to the bylaw and alternate approval process will be available for public review online at www.esquimalt.ca.

Please note that consideration of the bylaw and alternative approval process will be done by meetings of Council held in accordance with current Public Health Orders and may exclude the physical “in-person” attendance of the public. Information on alternative means of participation can be located on our website or by contacting the Township at the contact information provided below.

For further information, please contact the Corporate Officer at 250-414-7100 during regular office hours: Monday to Friday from 8:30 am – 4:30 pm, excluding statutory holidays, or by email at corporate.services@esquimalt.ca.

Rachel Dumas
Corporate Officer

