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SUBJECT REGIONAL DISTRICT OF NANAIMO “DRINKING WATER AND WATERSHED PROTECTION SERVICE AMENDMENT BYLAW NO. 1556.04, 2020”

OVERVIEW

Purpose of Report

To obtain Council’s consent for the adoption of the “Drinking Water and Watershed Protection Service Amendment Bylaw No. 1556.04, 2020”.

Recommendation

That Council consent to the adoption of the “Drinking Water and Watershed Protection Service Amendment Bylaw No. 1556.04, 2020” and further, that the Regional District of Nanaimo be notified accordingly.

BACKGROUND

Staff received the correspondence from the Regional District of Nanaimo (RDN) advising that at the regular meeting held 2020-FEB-25 introduced and read three time the “Drinking Water and Watershed Protection Service Amendment Bylaw No. 1556.04, 2020”. This bylaw proposes to increase the annual Drinking Water and Watershed Protection parcel tax from \$8.00 to \$12.00 per parcel.

As part of the approval process, the RDN requires the consent of at least 2/3 of local service participants. As a local service participant the City of Nanaimo has been asked to consent to the adoption of the bylaw.

OPTIONS

1. That Council consent to the adoption of the “Drinking Water and Watershed Protection Service Amendment Bylaw No. 1556.04, 2020” and further, that the Regional District of Nanaimo be notified accordingly.
 - The advantage of this option is that consent would encourage strong partnership and strategic alliance between the RDN and the City of Nanaimo.
 - The disadvantages of this option is that the RDN will rely on other local service partnerships for consent which could diminish the City’s strong partnership with the RDN.

2. That Council provide alternate direction. |

SUMMARY POINTS

- The bylaw will increase the annual Drinking Water and Watershed Protection parcel tax from \$8.00 to \$12.00 per parcel.
- The RDN requires 2/3 consent of the local service participants.
- The City of Nanaimo encourages and strives to maintain a strong partnership with the RDN.

ATTACHMENTS:

ATTACHMENT A – Correspondence from the Regional District of Nanaimo

ATTACHMENT B – "Drinking Water and Watershed Protection Service Amendment Bylaw No. 1556.04, 2020"

ATTACHMENT C – RDN Staff Report |

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