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SUBJECT REGIONAL DISTRICT OF NANAIMO “REGIONAL PARKS AND TRAILS SERVICE AREA AMENDMENT BYLAW NO. 1231.07, 2020”

OVERVIEW

Purpose of Report

To provide Council with background information and the request from the Regional District of Nanaimo regarding the “Regional District of Nanaimo Regional Parks and Trails Service Area Amendment Bylaw No. 1231.07, 2020”.

Recommendation

That Council consent to the adoption of “Regional District of Nanaimo Regional Parks and Trails Service Area Amendment Bylaw No. 1231.07, 2020” and further, that the Regional District of Nanaimo be notified accordingly.

BACKGROUND

Staff received correspondence from the Regional District of Nanaimo (RDN) advising that at the regular meeting held 2020-FEB-25, the RDN introduced and read three times “Regional District of Nanaimo Regional Parks and Trails Service Area Amendment Bylaw No. 1231.07, 2020”. This bylaw proposes to amend the annual requisition collected by parcel tax.

As part of the approval process for the bylaw, the RDN requires the consent of at least 2/3 of the local service participants prior to adoption by the RDN Board. Attached for Council’s information is correspondence from the RDN (Attachment A) and a copy of “Regional District of Nanaimo Regional Parks and Trails Service Area Amendment Bylaw No. 1231.07, 2020” (Attachment B) and the Regional District of Nanaimo Staff Report dated 2020-FEB-11 (Attachment C).

An amendment to “Regional District of Nanaimo Regional Parks and Trails Service Area Conversion Bylaw No. 1231, 2001” was last brought before Council in 2019. Council approved the recommended amendment.

OPTIONS

1. That Council consent to the adoption of "Regional District of Nanaimo Regional Parks and Trails Service Area Amendment Bylaw No. 1231.07, 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 alternative direction. |

SUMMARY POINTS

- The RDN is requesting Council support for adoption of the "Regional District of Nanaimo Regional Parks and Trails Service Area Amendment Bylaw No. 1231.07, 2020".
- The proposed bylaw would amend the annual requisition collected by parcel tax.
- As part of the approval process for the bylaw, the RDN requires the consent of at least 2/3 of the local service participants prior to adoption by the RDN Board. |

ATTACHMENTS:

ATTACHMENT A – Correspondence from Regional District of Nanaimo

ATTACHMENT B – "Regional Parks and Trails Service Area Amendment Bylaw No. 1231.07, 2020"

ATTACHMENT C – Regional District of Nanaimo Staff Report dated 2020-FEB-11

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