

DATE OF MEETING FEBRUARY 1, 2021

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SUBJECT RDN DUKE POINT SEWER SERVICE AMENDMENT BYLAW

OVERVIEW

Purpose of Report

To obtain Council's endorsement of the Regional District of Nanaimo's adoption of a Duke Point Sewer Service Amendment Bylaw.

Recommendation

That Council consent, on behalf of the electors to the Regional District of Nanaimo's adoption of "Duke Point Sewer Service Amendment Bylaw No. 1004.08, 2020" and that the Regional District of Nanaimo be notified accordingly.

BACKGROUND

The Regional District of Nanaimo (RDN) operates the Duke Point Sewer Service, providing sewage collection and treatment service to properties within the Duke Point area, as well as outside the City within Electoral Area "A" (Cedar). The RDN controls access to the collection and treatment system, and charges properties for allocation within the system, thus reserving capacity.

The North Cedar Improvement District is constructing a drinking water treatment plant at 1723 Cedar Road, within Electoral Area "A" and requested a connection to the Cedar Sewer Service. The District had previously purchased rights to connect to the sewer; however, at the time, the property did not get included in the Cedar Service area boundary.

DISCUSSION

The RDN Board gave three readings to Cedar Service Amendment Bylaw No 1445.06, 2020 and Duke Point Sewer Service Amendment Bylaw 1004.08, 2020. As part of the approval process, the RDN requires the consent of at least two-thirds of the local service participants. As the City of Nanaimo is a participant in the local service, the RDN requested Council's endorsement of the Duke Point Sewer Service Amendment Bylaw, on behalf of the electors.

The effect of the Bylaw will be inclusion of the property within the boundaries of the Cedar Sewer Service. Staff have no concerns with proceeding and are recommending the motion as proposed by the RDN.

OPTIONS

1. That Council consents on behalf of the electors to the Regional District of Nanaimo's adoption of "Duke Point Sewer Service Amendment Bylaw No. 1004.08, 2020" and that the Regional District of Nanaimo be notified accordingly.
 - This will enable formal boundary adjustment to include 1723 Cedar Road and allow connection by North Cedar Improvement District to the Cedar Sewer Service.
2. That Council provide alternate direction. |

SUMMARY POINTS

- The Regional District of Nanaimo controls which properties connect to the Duke Point and Cedar Sewer Service Areas based on capacity of the sewer system.
- North Cedar Improvement District had previously secured capacity within the Cedar Sewer Service for their water treatment plant, and the Bylaws require amendment to formally include the property at 1723 Cedar Road.
- The City of Nanaimo is being asked to consent to the Amending Bylaw as a participant in the local service.

ATTACHMENTS:

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