

DATE OF MEETING JUNE 3, 2024

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SUBJECT **CONSENT – RDN SEWAGE BORROWING BYLAWS NO. 1905, 1906 AND 1907**

OVERVIEW

Purpose of Report

To obtain Council consent for “Southern Community Sewer Local Service Basement Motor Control Centres Replacement Loan Authorization Bylaw No. 1905, 2024”; “Southern Community Sewer Local Service Wellington Pump Station Upgrade Loan Authorization Bylaw No. 1906, 2024”; and “Southern Community Sewer Local Service Grit and Sedimentation Tank Relining Loan Authorization Bylaw No. 1907, 2024”.

Recommendation

That Council consent on behalf of the electors to the adoption of

- a. “Southern Community Sewer Local Service Basement Motor Control Centres Replacement Loan Authorization Bylaw No. 1905, 2024”;
- b. “Southern Community Sewer Local Service Wellington Pump Station Upgrade Loan Authorization Bylaw No. 1906, 2024”;
- c. “Southern Community Sewer Local Service Grit and Sedimentation Tank Relining Loan Authorization Bylaw No. 1907, 2024”

and further, that the Regional District of Nanaimo be notified accordingly.

BACKGROUND

The City of Nanaimo owns, maintains, and operates its sanitary sewer collection system. We convey sewage to the major system of foreshore collector sewers, pump stations and finally the Greater Nanaimo Pollution Control Centre, all of which is owned by the Regional District of Nanaimo (RDN).

The RDN Financial Plan contains significant upgrade projects within their sewer conveyance and treatment systems. These projects require borrowing via a Loan Authorization Bylaw, which in turn requires consent of local service participants. The City is a Local Service Participant in the RDN function as a member of the Southern Community Sewer Local Service.

The RDN requested that Council consent, on behalf of Nanaimo electors, to the adoption of these three RDN Bylaws.

DISCUSSION

There are three Loan Authorization Bylaws which Council is being requested to endorse on behalf of Nanaimo's electors:

- Southern Community Sewer Local Service Basement Motor Control Centres, which would seek to borrow \$1.1 Million in a long term;
- Southern Community Sewer Local Service Wellington Pump Station Upgrade, which would seek to borrow \$5.85 Million in a long term; and
- Southern Community Local Service Grit Separation Tank Relining, which would seek to borrow \$6.3 Million in a long term.

Further details can be found in the RDN Staff Report (Attachment C) and attached RDN Bylaws 1905, 1906 and 1907 (Attachment B), all of which have received three readings and are at the Inspector for approval. |

OPTIONS

1. That Council consent on behalf of the electors to the adoption of
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and further, that the Regional District of Nanaimo be notified accordingly.

2. That Council object to the adoption of
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Note: Should Council object to the adoption of the bylaws, the Regional District would like to have noted the specific reasons for the objection. |

SUMMARY POINTS

- The City of Nanaimo participates in the Southern Community Local Service of the Regional District of Nanaimo.
- The Regional District of Nanaimo plans to proceed with several projects critical to the function of the sanitary sewer system.
- The Regional District of Nanaimo's Financial Plan contemplates long-term borrowing for these projects, which requires consent of the electors.
- City of Nanaimo Council is requested to consent on behalf of the electors.

ATTACHMENTS:

Attachment A – RDN Staff Report dated February 13, 2024 Bylaws 1905, 1906 and 1907

Attachment B – RDN Third Reading Bylaws 1905, 1906 and 1907

Attachment C – RDN Consent Letters Bylaws 1905, 1906 and 1907 |

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