



NOTICE OF ALTERNATIVE APPROVAL PROCESS

Egmont / Pender Harbour Bike and Walkways Service Establishing Bylaw No. 1082, 2012

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT, pursuant to the *Local Government Act* and the *Community Charter*, the Sunshine Coast Regional District proposes to adopt *Egmont / Pender Harbour Bike and Walkways Service Establishing Bylaw No. 1082, 2012*.

Egmont / Pender Harbour Bike and Walkways Service Establishing Bylaw No. 1082, 2012 establishes a service for the purpose of planning, constructing and maintaining bike and walkways. The maximum annual amount that may be raised under this proposed bylaw is a property value tax rate of \$0.24/\$1,000 applied to the net taxable value on improvements only in the Service Area (Electoral Area A – Egmont / Pender Harbour – excluding that portion within the Sechelt Indian Government District). This amount equates to approximately \$100,000 based on current assessments in the participating area. The impact of this amount on residential taxation would be \$6.44 per \$100,000 of assessed value (of improvements) per year.

Further information on this matter can be viewed at the Sunshine Coast Regional District office, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday to Friday, except Statutory Holidays, at 1975 Field Road, Sechelt, BC. Information packages are also available for viewing at the Pender Harbour Satellite Office (12828 Lagoon Road, Madeira Park) and on the SCR D website at www.scrd.ca.

FURTHER NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT, pursuant to the *Local Government Act* and the *Community Charter*, the Board of the Sunshine Coast Regional District may adopt *Egmont / Pender Harbour Bike and Walkways Service Establishing Bylaw No. 1082, 2012* if, after the deadline, elector response forms are certified by the Corporate Officer as having been signed by less than 10% of the eligible electors in the proposed Bike and Walkways Service Area (Electoral Area A – Egmont/Pender Harbour, excluding properties within the Sechelt Indian Government District). If, after the deadline, elector response forms are certified by the Corporate Officer as having been signed by at least 10% of the eligible electors in the Service Area (calculated at **221**), the Board may not adopt *Egmont / Pender Harbour Bike and Walkways Service Establishing Bylaw No. 1082, 2012* and may not proceed with the bylaw unless the bylaw receives assent of the electors in a voting proceeding.

ELECTOR RESPONSE FORMS

The response of the electors must be in the form established by the Sunshine Coast Regional District. Forms are available at the Sunshine Coast Regional District office located at 1975 Field Road, Sechelt. An accurate copy of the elector response form may be utilized, provided that it is made of the form prior to any electors signing such form, so that only elector response forms with original signatures are submitted. For an elector response to be accepted it must meet the following conditions:

- only eligible electors of the Service Area are entitled to sign an elector response form;
- the full name of the elector must be stated;
- the residential address of the elector must be stated;
- the elector must sign the elector response form;
- if applicable, the address of the property in relation to which the person is entitled to vote as a non-resident property elector must be stated; and,
- the elector response form must be submitted to the Corporate Officer before the deadline.

Forms may be submitted in person or by mail to be received by the Corporate Officer at the Sunshine Coast Regional District office located at 1975 Field Road, Sechelt, B.C. V0N 3A1 **NO LATER THAN 4:30 P.M. ON TUESDAY, DECEMBER 18, 2012**. Elector response forms must be in the possession of the Corporate Officer by this time, as postmarks WILL NOT be accepted as date of submission. **FORMS MAY NOT BE RETURNED BY FAX.**

ELIGIBLE ELECTOR

An eligible elector for the purpose of this Alternative Approval Process is a resident who meets the following criteria:

- is age eighteen or older;
- is a Canadian citizen;
- has been a resident of British Columbia for at least six months;
- has been a resident of the Service Area for at least thirty days; and,
- is not disqualified from voting by the *Local Government Act* or any other act.

A non-resident property elector who meets the following criteria is also an eligible elector:

- is not entitled to register as a resident elector for the Service Area;
- is age eighteen or older;
- is a Canadian citizen;
- has been a resident of British Columbia for at least six months;
- has been a registered owner of the real property within the Service Area for at least thirty days; and,
- is not disqualified from voting by the *Local Government Act* or any other act.

NOTE: Corporations are not entitled to vote nor is land held in a corporate name eligible to vote. In the case of multiple owners of a parcel, only one person (with the consent of the majority of owners) may vote as a non-resident property elector.

WHAT IS AN ALTERNATIVE APPROVAL PROCESS?

On January 1, 2004 the *Community Charter* came into force and prescribes two methods by which a local government may seek approval of the electors. These are *Assent of the Electors* (which is approval by voting) or *Alternative Approval Process* which allows a Board to proceed with an action unless at least 10% of the electors state their opposition within a prescribed period. In this case, the Board has opted for the latter process. If at least 10% of the electors state their opposition to the proposed action, the matter requires the *Assent of the Electors* if the Board wishes to proceed. The *Alternative Approval Process* under the *Community Charter* replaces the *Counter Petition Opportunity* under the *Local Government Act* that some may have been familiar with.

More information may be obtained by contacting Angie Legault, Manager of Legislative Services or Selina Williams, Deputy Corporate Officer, at the Sunshine Coast Regional District office at 1975 Field Road or by telephone at 604-885-6800.

Angie Legault, Corporate Officer