

Alternative Approval Process - Elector Response Form

Proposed Bylaw No. 614 being “Greater Merville Fire Protection Service Loan Authorization Bylaw No. 614, 2020” which would authorize the Comox Valley Regional District (CVRD) to borrow two million dollars (\$2,000,000) to be repaid over a maximum 25-year period for the construction and equipping of a new auxiliary fire hall for the Greater Merville Fire Protection Service, which includes a portion of Electoral Area ‘B’ (Lazo North) and Electoral Area ‘C’ (Puntledge/Black Creek). Please see the following page for further information.

Pursuant to Section 86 of the *Community Charter*, I certify that:

- I am a person entitled to be registered as an elector or non-resident elector pursuant to the *Local Government Act* (see eligibility requirements on the following page);
- I have not previously signed an Elector Response Form with respect to this matter; and
- I am **OPPOSED** to the adoption of Bylaw No. 614 being “Greater Merville Fire Protection Service Loan Authorization Bylaw No. 614, 2020”.

Full name: (please print)	
Residential address: (please provide full address)	
Signature:	
Date:	

To be completed by non-resident property electors only (see eligibility requirements on the following page)
I am entitled to register as a non-resident property elector as an owner of the property located at the following address: <hr/>

For this Elector Response Form to be counted, it must be received by the Corporate Officer of the CVRD no later than **4:30 pm on December 7, 2020** by one of the following methods:

Mail or in person: Comox Valley Regional District 770 Harmston Avenue, Courtenay, BC V9N 0G8	Fax: 250-334- 4358	Email: administration@comoxvalleyrd.ca
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- **Postmarks will not be accepted as the date of receipt by the CVRD**
- **Accurate copies of this elector response form may be made and used for signing**
- **A person may not sign more than one elector response form**
- **For the purpose of this Alternative Approval Process, 10 percent of the qualified electors has been determined to be 273 persons. Determination of the number of qualified electors is available on the Regional District’s website and by request.**

Greater Merville Fire Protection Service - Auxiliary Fire Hall

The Greater Merville Fire Protection Service is currently provided by the CVRD through a contract with the City of Courtenay for fire suppression services. A study conducted in 2016 identified the development of an auxiliary fire hall, centrally located within the service area, as an opportunity to potentially provide improved life-safety services and reduced fire insurance premiums. Based on these potential benefits to residents, the CVRD is proposing to construct, equip and operate a new auxiliary fire hall at the Mountaineer Avian Rescue Society property at Williams Beach Road and the Island Highway. The fire hall would be managed in collaboration with Oyster River Fire Rescue. Bylaw No. 614 being "Greater Merville Fire Protection Service Loan Authorization Bylaw No. 614, 2020" would authorize the CVRD to borrow two million dollars (\$2,000,000) to be repaid over a maximum 25-year period for the construction and equipping of the new auxiliary fire hall. No tax increase is projected as part of the borrowing plan due to the budget transitioning from increased reserve contributions in recent years in anticipation of this capital project to debt repayment.

Elector Eligibility RequirementsResident elector (section 65 of the *Local Government Act*)

- 18 years of age or older;
- a Canadian citizen;
- a resident of British Columbia for at least six months immediately before signing this elector response form;
- a resident of the Greater Merville Fire Protection Service Area for at least 30 days before signing this elector response form; and
- not disqualified from voting under the *Local Government Act* or any other enactment or otherwise disqualified by law from voting.

Non-resident property electors (section 66 of the *Local Government Act*)

- 18 years of age or older;
- a Canadian citizen;
- a resident of British Columbia for at least six months immediately before signing this elector response form;
- not entitled to vote as a resident elector in the Greater Merville Fire Protection Service Area for the purposes of this matter;
- a registered owner of real property in the Greater Merville Fire Protection Service Area for at least 30 days before signing this elector response form;
- may not vote more than once within a voting jurisdiction regardless of the number of properties owned;
- where more than one non-resident person owns the property, the person wishing to submit an electoral response form for that property must provide, at the time of registration, written consent from a majority of the property owners,
- who holds the real property in trust for a corporation or another trust is not eligible to vote as a non-resident property elector, and
- not be disqualified from voting under the *Local Government Act* or any other enactment or otherwise disqualified by law from voting.

More Information

Comox Valley Regional District: 770 Harmston Avenue, Courtenay, BC V9N 0G8

Phone: 250-334-6000 toll free: 1-800-331-6007

Office hours: Monday to Friday 8:00 am to 4:30 pm

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