

Alternative Approval Process (AAP) - Elector Response Form

Proposed Bylaw No. 686 being “Mount Washington Resort Community Fire Protection Service Loan Authorization Bylaw No. 686, 2021” which would authorize the Comox Valley Regional District (CVRD) to borrow one million four hundred and twenty-five thousand dollars (\$1,425,000) to be repaid over a maximum 30-year period to finance the costs of constructing and equipping a fire hall for the Mount Washington Resort Community Fire Protection Service Area which is within 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. 686 being “Mount Washington Resort Community Fire Protection Service Loan Authorization Bylaw No. 686, 2021”

Full name: (please print)	
Residential address: (please provide full address)	
Phone Number:	
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 Monday, April 11, 2022** 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: email a legible scanned copy to elections@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 AAP, 10 percent of the qualified electors has been determined to be 54 persons. Determination of the number of qualified electors is available on the Regional District’s website and by request.**

Mount Washington Resort Community Fire Hall

The Comox Valley Regional District is proposing to borrow \$1,425,000 to be repaid over a period not to exceed 30 years to finance the costs of constructing a fire hall to serve the Mount Washington Resort Community. An operating fire hall will improve emergency response times, provide permanent heated storage for fire apparatus tools and equipment, provide a purpose-built facility for volunteer firefighters to train and respond from and serve as the focal point for enabling and encouraging additional volunteers to join the department.

For a property assessed at \$500,000, the increase in the annual property tax attributable to the borrowing is estimated at \$123.

Elector Eligibility Requirements

Resident 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 Mount Washington Resort Community 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;
- a registered owner of real property in the Mount Washington Resort Community Fire Protection Service Area for at least 30 days;
- not be disqualified from voting under the *Local Government Act* or any other enactment or otherwise disqualified by law from voting.

Note: The CVRD must conduct the AAP in accordance with the *Local Government Act* (the Act), which is a provincial statute. The Act includes certain requirements, including that:

- leases must be for at least 99 years in order to make a lease holder eligible to sign an elector response form as a non-resident property elector. According to case law, a lease with a term stated as 60 years plus two 20 year renewals does not qualify as a lease of at least 99 years; the wording of the lease must be 60 years plus two 20 year extensions in order to be considered a lease of at least 99 years.
- properties that are owned by a corporation, in whole or in part, are not eligible under the non-resident property elector provisions.
- Only one non-resident property elector may sign an elector response form per property, regardless of how many people own the property; and, that owner must have the written consent of a majority of the other property owner(s) to sign the response form on their behalf. Consent forms are available on the website noted below and from the CVRD office.

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 8:30 am to 4:30 pm

www.comoxvalleyrd.ca/mountwashingtonfire