



REGIONAL DISTRICT OF NORTH OKANAGAN

9848 Aberdeen Road
Coldstream, BC V1B 2K9

NOTICE TO ELECTORS of an Alternative Approval Process for the North Okanagan/Shuswap Rail Trail Service Establishment Bylaw No. 2748, 2017 and North Okanagan/Shuswap Rail Trail Loan Authorization Bylaw No. 2749, 2017

Pursuant to Section 86 of the *Community Charter*, this notice is to advise electors within the City of Armstrong, City of Enderby, Village of Lumby, Township of Spallumcheen and Electoral Areas D and F of the Regional District of North Okanagan (Regional District) that the Board of Directors is proposing to seek the approval of the electors by means of an Alternative Approval Process. The question before the electors is whether they are **opposed** to the Regional District adopting *North Okanagan/Shuswap Rail Trail Service Establishment Bylaw No. 2748, 2017* and *North Okanagan/Shuswap Rail Trail Loan Authorization Bylaw No. 2749, 2017* which would authorize the Regional District to establish a service and borrow an amount not to exceed \$2.3 Million to finance the cost of acquiring the discontinued Canadian Pacific Rail Corridor between the City of Armstrong and District of Sicamous. The adoption of Bylaws 2748 and 2749 will ensure public ownership of a key linear corridor that would be used for recreational opportunities, including walking and cycling while retaining the corridor for future transportation and economic development needs. The \$2.3 Million will be repaid over a period not to exceed 20 years. It is estimated that the borrowing will result in an annual tax increase of \$12.00 per year for a period of 20 years based on an average residential property assessed at \$294,000. Bylaws 2748 and 2749, a report regarding the estimate of electors and a "Frequently Asked Questions" communique is available from the Regional District office located at 9848 Aberdeen Road, Coldstream, BC during each business day between 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. This information is also available on our website at www.rdno.ca.

The Regional District may proceed with the adoption of *North Okanagan/Shuswap Rail Trail Service Establishment Bylaw No. 2748, 2017* and *North Okanagan/Shuswap Rail Trail Loan Authorization Bylaw No. 2749, 2017* unless, by 4:00 p.m. on Monday, July 17, 2017, at least 10 percent (1,658) of the qualified electors within the proposed North Okanagan/Shuswap Rail Trail Service Area (being the City of Armstrong, City of Enderby, Village of Lumby, Township of Spallumcheen and Electoral Areas D and F within the Regional District of North Okanagan) sign and submit an Elector Response Form **opposing** the adoption of Bylaws 2748 and 2749. The Regional District has estimated the total number of qualified electors in the North Okanagan/Shuswap Rail Trail Service Area to be 16,588. If 10% (1,658) of the estimated number of qualified electors sign and submit an Alternative Approval Process Elector Response Form **opposing** the adoption of Bylaws 2748 and 2749 prior to the deadline of 4:00 p.m. on Monday, July 17, 2017 the Regional District will not be able to proceed without receiving assent of the electors through a referendum process.

Be advised that Elector Response Forms must be submitted in the form established by the Regional District and are available during regular business hours from the following local government offices:

Jurisdiction	Location
Regional District of North Okanagan	9848 Aberdeen Road, Coldstream, BC
City of Armstrong	3570 Bridge Street, Armstrong, BC
City of Enderby	619 Cliff Avenue, Enderby, BC
Village of Lumby	1775 Glencaird Street, Lumby, BC
Township of Spallumcheen	4144 Spallumcheen Way, Spallumcheen, BC

Elector Response Forms are also available on the Regional District website at www.rdno.ca. The only Elector Response Forms that will be accepted are the ones provided by the Regional District or an accurate copy of the form.

The only persons entitled to sign the Elector Response Forms are qualified electors within the City of Armstrong, City of Enderby, Village of Lumby, Township of Spallumcheen and Electoral Areas D and F within the Regional District of North Okanagan to which this Alternative Approval Process applies.

Be advised that:

- **The Deadline for receipt of Elector Response Forms is 4:00 p.m. on Monday, July 17, 2017.** Forms must be received by the deadline to be counted. No exceptions will be made.
- Elector Response Forms will not be accepted by email or by fax as original signatures are required.

Further information regarding this Alternative Approval Process including elector qualifications is available on our website at www.rdno.ca or by phone 250.550.3700.

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