

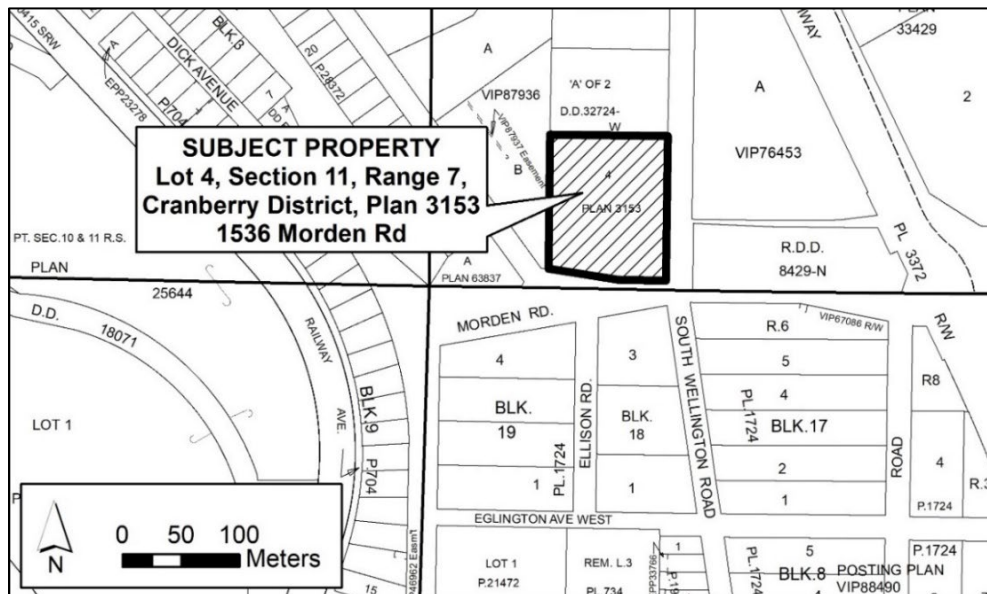
## Results of Alternative Approval Processes for Recreation and Parks Announced

The Regional District of Nanaimo (RDN) has verified that the South Wellington School site 25-year lease and the Blueback Community Park property addition were approved through Alternative Approval Processes (AAP) that concluded on Monday, February 14, 2022. Both AAPs were conducted in accordance with [Section 86](#) of the *Community Charter*. Approval for both projects was obtained as less than 10 per cent of electors within the respective service areas submitted an elector response form by the February 14, 2022, response deadline.

### South Wellington School Site Lease

Of an estimated 5,187 electors in Electoral Area A, no eligible response forms were received in opposition to the proposed 25-year lease of the site from Nanaimo Ladysmith Public Schools (SD68). As the 10 per cent threshold was not met, the RDN can proceed with the next phase of the plan to operate the former school and surrounding property as a community center and community park. After the AAP report goes to the Board, the agreement with SD68 will commence. This spring, the RDN will begin the process to retain consulting firms for the design and construction of required renovation work and for the development of an operational plan for the future community centre with the South Wellington and Area Community Association.

For more information on the South Wellington School Site Lease and to sign up for project updates, visit [getinvolved.rdn.ca/south-wellington-community-centre](http://getinvolved.rdn.ca/south-wellington-community-centre).



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## Blueback Community Park Addition

Of an estimated 5,394 electors in Electoral Area E, 23 eligible response forms were received in opposition to the property at 3427 Tyee Crescent as an addition to Blueback Community Park in Electoral Area E. As the 10 per cent threshold was not met, the RDN can proceed to borrow funds for the purchase of the property through the following bylaws once the bylaws are adopted by the Board:

- Electoral Area E Community Parks Local Service Amendment Bylaw No. 803.07, 2021
- Regional District of Nanaimo Electoral Area E Parkland Acquisition Loan Authorization Bylaw No. 1844, 2021

For more information on the Blueback Community Park addition and to sign up for project updates, visit [getinvolved.rdn.ca/blueback-community-park-aap](http://getinvolved.rdn.ca/blueback-community-park-aap).




Reports for both projects will go to the Board on February 22, 2022, to complete the AAP process. For more information on the Alternative Approval Process, visit [Alternative Approval Process for Local Government](#).

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