

Nanoose Bay Reservoir Improvement Project - Alternative Approval Process

The Regional District of Nanaimo (RDN) is proposing a project to accommodate planned growth and improve the long-term fire protection and drinking water infrastructure in the Nanoose Bay Peninsula Water Service Area (NBPWSA) in Electoral Area E, Nanoose Bay. The proposed project will include the renewal of the existing Arbutus Reservoir and the construction of one additional reservoir on Notch Hill. These water service improvements are necessary to meet future water demand, security and safety requirements and are not considered to be optional.

Funding for this project requires borrowing on behalf of the property owners in the NBPWSA. For the project to go ahead, affected electors must approve the following bylaw through the alternative approval process (AAP):

- Nanoose Bay Peninsula Water Service Area Reservoir Improvement Loan Authorization Bylaw No. 1911, 2024

The bylaw, if approved, would authorize the RDN to borrow \$1.2 million of the estimated \$2.48 million total project cost for the NBPWSA reservoir improvements. Reserve funds and development cost charge funds would make up the balance of the project funding.

The AAP for the bylaw runs from August 14, 2024, to 4 p.m. on September 16, 2024. Electors within the NBPWSA who oppose the proposed bylaw can submit an elector response form until the deadline (4 p.m. on September 16, 2024). Electors within the NBPWSA who support the bylaw do not need to respond. If less than ten per cent of eligible electors submit elector response forms, this will be considered adequate support from the electors involved and the bylaw will go to the RDN Board for consideration of adoption.

There are two public information sessions remaining that members of the public can attend:

Date: August 12, 2024

Time: 5 - 8 p.m.

Location: Nanoose Place Community Centre
2925 Northwest Bay Road, Nanoose Bay

Date: August 14, 2024

Time: 1 – 3 p.m.

Location: Notch Hill Trailhead
3220 Fairwinds Drive, Nanoose Bay

Details on how to participate in the AAP are available at rdn.bc.ca/elections-and-elector-approval and for more information and to sign up for project updates, visit getinvolved.rdn.ca/nanoose-bay-reservoir-aap.

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