

November 4, 2025

French Creek School and Parkland Purchase Official Referendum Results and Next Steps

The official results for the French Creek School and Parkland Purchase Referendum have been confirmed from general voting day, two advance voting opportunities and mail ballots and have been received by the Regional District of Nanaimo (RDN) Board. The results are as follows:

- Yes votes: 265
- No votes: 144

Voters were asked: “Are you in favour of the Regional District of Nanaimo adopting “Electoral Area 'F' Community Parks and Halls Local Service Property Purchase Loan Authorization Bylaw No. 1929, 2025”, which will authorize the Regional District of Nanaimo to borrow up to eight hundred and twenty-four thousand dollars (\$824,000), plus interest, repayable over a period of no more than ten (10) years, to finance the purchase of a 3.7 hectare (9.15 acre) property located at 2350 Alberni Highway, Coombs, (known as French Creek School) for use by the Electoral Area 'F' Community Parks and Halls Local Service?”

Please see the detailed official results at rdn.bc.ca/French-Creek-Results.

As approval of the electors has been obtained, the RDN Board approved the following on November 4:

- “Electoral Area 'F' Community Parks and Halls Local Service Property Purchase Loan Authorization Bylaw No. 1929, 2025” (Bylaw 1929)
- “Electoral Area 'F' Community Parks and Halls Local Service Property Purchase Temporary Borrowing Bylaw No. 1930, 2025” (Bylaw 1930)

The bylaws are required for the RDN to borrow up to \$824,000 for the property purchase.

Next Steps:

Once the purchase is completed in early 2026, RDN staff will prepare a report for the Electoral Area F Parks and Open Space Advisory Committee to review and provide recommendations to the Electoral Area Services Committee and RDN Board for approval. The report will outline the options for engagement with the community and user groups as well as potential uses for the buildings and parkland.

Residents in Electoral Area F are encouraged to sign up to the French Creek School project page at getinvolved.rdn.ca/french-creek-school-and-parkland-purchase-referendum to receive updates and notifications about ways to participate directly via email.

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