

REGIONAL DISTRICT OF NANAIMO

SPECIAL BOARD MEETING

TUESDAY, MARCH 14, 2006

(immediately following the Committee of the Whole meeting)

(RDN Board Chambers)

A G E N D A

CALL TO ORDER

CORPORATE SERVICES

ADMINISTRATION

- 2-3 Crime Prevention & Community Justice Support Services Bylaw No. 1479. (All Directors – One Vote)

ADDENDUM

NEW BUSINESS

ADJOURNMENT

IN CAMERA



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Carol Mason Special Board	
MEMORANDUM	

TO: Carol Mason
Chief Administrative Officer

DATE: April 4, 2006

FROM: Maureen Pearse
Manager of Administrative Services

FILE:

SUBJECT: Crime Prevention & Community Justice Support Service Bylaw No. 1479

PURPOSE

To report the results of the alternative approval process for "Regional District of Nanaimo Crime Prevention & Community Justice Support Service Bylaw No. 1479, 2006".

BACKGROUND

At its special meeting held February 14, 2006 the Board introduced "RDN Crime Prevention & Community Justice Support Service Bylaw No. 1479, 2006" for first three readings. In accordance with the *Community Charter* the Board chose to seek the assent of the electors through the alternative approval process.

Bylaw No. 1479 is proposing to establish a service to allow the Regional District of Nanaimo to raise approximately \$55,000 annually to provide support for community justice services such as Victim's Services and Restorative Justice programs operated under the supervision of the RCMP. The boundaries of the service area will include the municipalities of Parksville and Qualicum Beach and Electoral Areas E, F, G & H.

In order to receive the assent of the electoral area electors, the number of elector response forms received could not exceed 10% of the electors for the proposed participating area. Section 86 of the *Community Charter* states:

"that approval of the electors by alternative approval process is obtained if at the end of the time for receiving elector responses, the number of elector responses received is less than 10% of the number of electors of the area to which the approval process applies."

For the purpose of conducting the alternative approval process, the number of eligible electors in the service area was determined to be 16,926 electors. In order for the bylaw to receive the assent of the electors less than 10% or 1,692 elector response forms must have been received by the deadline of April 3, 2006. The total number of elector response forms received by April 3, 2006 was 206 (1.19% of electors). As the total number of elector response forms received was less than 10% of the electors, the bylaw is deemed to have received the assent of the electors. Consent from the municipalities of Parksville and Qualicum Beach have been received.

<i>Electoral Area</i>	<i># of Electors</i>	<i># of Valid Elector Responses Received</i>	<i>%</i>
E	4270	56	1.31%
F	4641	10	.21%
G	5392	6	.011%
H	2623	134	5.10%
Totals	16,926	206	1.21%

ALTERNATIVES

1. That "Regional District of Nanaimo Crime Prevention and Community Justice Support Service Bylaw No. 1479, 2006" be adopted.
2. That the Board not proceed with the adoption of this bylaw.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

This bylaw provides that the maximum amount the Board may raise is \$55,000 by way of a parcel tax. Property owners within the boundaries of the municipalities of Parksville, Qualicum Beach and Electoral Areas E, F, G and H will be assessed a parcel tax in the amount of approximately \$2.30 per parcel to support these services. Due to timing, the parcel tax cannot be applied in 2006, however, funds can be expended under the authority of the bylaw once adopted. The initial parcel tax will be collected in 2007 in the amount of \$4.60 per parcel, falling in subsequent years to the \$2.30 rate.

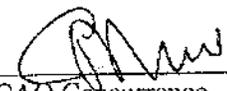
SUMMARY/CONCLUSIONS

At the February 14, 2006 Board meeting, "RDN Crime Prevention and Community Justice Support Service Bylaw No. 1479, 2006 received first three readings. The Board sought the assent of the electors through the alternative approval process. In order to receive the assent of the electors, the number of elector response forms received could not exceed 10% (1,692) of the electors for the proposed participating area. The total number of responses received by the deadline of April 3, 2006 was 206, therefore the bylaw is deemed to have received the assent of the electors. Staff are recommending adoption of the bylaw.

RECOMMENDATION

That "Regional District of Nanaimo Crime Prevention and Community Justice Support Service Bylaw No. 1479, 2006" be adopted.

M. Pease
Report Writer


CAO Concurrence