

7.3 Marcy Lalande, Manager of Corporate Services
Alternative Approval Process - Public Works Operations Facility Loan Authorization

Marcy Lalande, Manager of Corporate Services, provided an overview of the Alternative Approval Process, the role of the bylaw and an explanation of the timing of the process for the Public Works Operations Facility Loan Authorization.

Council discussion ensued regarding:

- *Fairness, transparency, and ease of process*
- *Designation of staff member to field calls and emails*
- *Extension of deadline from 30 to 45 days*
- *Opportunity for mailout with property tax mailout*
- *Costs in comparison to a referendum*
- *Communication of legislated requirements to citizens*

MOVED BY: COUNCILLOR GROVE
SECONDED: COUNCILLOR JORDISON

R2024-135 WHEREAS the City of Colwood has given three readings to “*Public Works Operations Facility Loan Authorization Bylaw No. 2020, 2024*”, which proposes to borrow an amount not to exceed \$8,397,400 to finance the cost of construction of a Public Works Operations Facility built to post-disaster standards to support an emergency operations centre;

AND WHEREAS the Inspector of Municipalities provided statutory approval of the “*Public Works Operations Facility Loan Authorization Bylaw No. 2020, 2024*” on March 28, 2024;

AND WHEREAS the City of Colwood Council cannot adopt “*Public Works Operations Facility Loan Authorization Bylaw No. 2020, 2024*” until approval of the electors has been obtained;

THAT the Corporate Officer undertake an Alternative Approval Processes to determine the opinion of the electors with regard to the matter;

THAT an Alternative Approval Process opportunity of forty-five (45) days be established for receiving elector response forms and be conducted under the following parameters:

- Deadline for receiving completed elector response forms is 4:30 pm on Monday, June 24, 2024; and
- The Elector Response Form and the Non-Resident Property Elector Consent Form is approved as attached in Appendix 4 and 5.

AND THAT a printed communication to residents of Colwood, regarding the Alternative Approval Process, be included in the City's 2024 property tax mailout.

AND FURTHER THAT the number of eligible electors is determined to be 16,128 and the ten (10) percent threshold for the Alternative Approval Process is 1,613.

CARRIED