

DATE: April 22, 2015

FILE: 3900-02 & 7200-20/HI

TO: Chair and Directors
Regional District Board

FROM: Debra Oakman, CMA
Chief Administrative Officer

RE: Hornby Island Assent Voting Results

Purpose

The purpose of this report is to announce the Hornby Island fire service loan authorization bylaw assent voting official results.

Policy analysis

The Comox Valley Regional District operates the Hornby Island fire protection service under Bylaw No. 2011 being “Hornby Island Fire Protection Local Service Establishment Bylaw No. 2011, 1998”. The current financial plan identifies the construction of a new Hornby Island fire hall in 2015. Section 819 of the *Local Government Act* and section 179 of the *Community Charter* authorizes the Comox Valley Regional District (CVRD) to borrow funds for capital construction purposes within its powers by way of loan authorization bylaw.

Executive summary

Assent voting (referendum) was conducted on April 18, 2015 to seek elector approval for Bylaw No. 362 being “Hornby Island Fire Protection Service (Fire Hall Construction) Loan Authorization Bylaw No. 362, 2015”. Following the chief election officer’s recount, the official results of the assent voting are:

YES – 616 ballots cast (83%)

NO – 126 ballots cast (17%)

Elector approval for Bylaw No. 362 has been obtained and the board may now consider adopting Bylaw No. 362.

Further voting statistics are presented in appendix ‘A’.

Recommendation from the chief administrative officer:

None.

Respectfully:

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Attachments: Appendix A – “Assent Voting Statistics – April 18, 2015 Hornby Island Fire Hall Loan Authorization Bylaw”

Assent Voting Statistics – April 18, 2015 Hornby Island Fire Hall Loan Authorization Bylaw

Question:

Are you in favour of the Comox Valley Regional District adopting Bylaw No. 362 being “Hornby Island Fire Protection Service (Fire Hall Construction) Loan Authorization Bylaw No. 362, 2015” to enable the CVRD to borrow \$1,600,000 to construct a fire hall on Hornby Island?

YES or NO

Results

YES – 616 ballots cast (83%)

NO – 126 ballots cast (17%)

Voting Opportunity	Ballots issued	Ballots without objection	Ballots rejected	Spoiled ballots	Unused ballots	Unaccounted ballots / mail ballots not qualified or unreturned	Yes	No
April 8 Advance	500	152	2	1	345	0	135	17
Mail ballots and April 14/16 special	300	155	1	0	95	49	137	18
April 18 Voting Day	700	435	2	3	260	0	344	91
Totals	1500	742	5	4	700	49	616	126

Voter turnout

Total estimated electors before April 18	834
New non-resident property electors	118
Total estimated electors	952
Votes	747
Voter turnout	78%

Total voters

Mail ballot	145
Special (April 14 and 16) voting	11
Advance (April 8) voting	154
Regular (April 18) voting	437
Total	747