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TO: Chair and Directors
Regional District Board

Supported by Russell Dyson
Chief Administrative Officer

FROM: Russell Dyson
Chief Administrative Officer

R. Dyson

RE: Denman and Hornby Islands High-Speed Internet - Assent Voting Results

Purpose

The purpose of this report is to confirm the official assent voting results in respect of the Denman and Hornby Islands High-Speed Internet Project.

Recommendation from the Chief Administrative Officer:

None. This report is for information purposes only.

Executive Summary

- Assent voting (referendum) was conducted on November 27, 2021 to seek elector approval for the Denman and Hornby Islands High-Speed Internet Contribution Service Establishment Bylaw No. 672, 2021, the Denman and Hornby Islands High-Speed Internet Loan Authorization Bylaw No. 673, 2021 and the Denman and Hornby Islands High-Speed Internet Capital Contribution Agreement Authorization Bylaw No. 678.
- Following the Chief Election Officer’s verification and determination, the official results of the assent voting are:

YES – 1,192 ballots cast (94%)

NO – 81 ballots cast (6%)

- Given the results above elector approval for Bylaw No. 672, 673 and 678 has been obtained.
- The Board may now consider adoption of the above-noted bylaws.
- Further voting statistics are presented in Appendix A.

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Government Partners and Stakeholder Distribution (Upon Agenda Publication)

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Attachments:

Appendix A – Assent Voting Statistics

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Question:

Are you in favour of the CVRD adopting Denman and Hornby Islands High-Speed Internet Contribution Service Establishment Bylaw No. 672, 2021, Denman and Hornby Islands High-Speed Internet Loan Authorization Bylaw No. 673, 2021, and Denman and Hornby Islands High-Speed Internet Capital Contribution Agreement Authorization Bylaw No. 678 to authorize the following:

- establish and operate a service for providing capital financing for high-speed internet infrastructure;
- borrow \$767,677 to be repaid over a maximum 10 year period to finance the development of the high-speed internet infrastructure; and
- enter into a 20 year agreement with City West Cable and Telephone Corp. to provide up to \$760,000 capital financing for the development of the high-speed internet service infrastructure.?

_____ Yes _____ No

Results

YES – 1,192 ballots cast (94%)

NO – 81 ballots cast (6%)

Voting Opportunity	Ballots issued	Ballots without objection	Ballots rejected	Spoiled ballots	Yes	No
Mail Ballot Voting	350	244	0	0	234	10
November 17, 2021 Advance Voting Courtenay	100	43	0	0	42	1
November 24, 2021 Special Voting Denman Island	450	100	0	0	97	3
November 24, 2021 Special Voting Hornby Island	401	90	0	0	85	5
November 27, 2021 General Voting Day Denman Island	850	447	1	2	426	21
November 27, 2021 General Voting Day Hornby Island	850	349	1	2	308	41
Totals	3,001	1,273	2	4	1,192	81

Voter turnout

Total estimated electors	2,307
Votes	1,273
Voter turnout	55%

Total Voters

Mail ballot	244
Advance (November 17) voting	43
Special (November 24 th) voting	190
General (November 27 th) voting	796
Total	1,273