

# Report to Council



**Date:** July 24, 2023  
**To:** Council  
**From:** City Manager  
**Department:** Office of the City Clerk  
**Subject:** Alternative Approval Process for Recreation and Activity Centres

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## **Recommendation:**

THAT Council receives, for information, the report from the Office of the City Clerk dated July 24, 2023 regarding the Alternative Approval Process for the borrowing of two hundred and forty one million, three hundred and twenty thousand dollars (\$241,320,000.00) for the redevelopment of the Parkinson Recreation Centre, the construction of the Glenmore Activity Centre, the construction of the Mission Activity Centre, and the redevelopment of the Rutland Sports fields;

AND THAT an alternative approval process opportunity open to all electors within the City of Kelowna be initiated in relation to the borrowing by loan authorization bylaw as outlined in the report from the Financial Services Division presented at the June 19, 2023 Regular Council Meeting;

AND FURTHER THAT 4 pm, Friday, September 15, 2023 be set as the deadline for receipt of elector responses in the form attached to the report from the Office of the City Clerk dated July 24, 2023 in relation to the City of Kelowna proceeding with the adoption of Bylaw No. 12540 being the Recreation and Activity Centres Loan Authorization Bylaw authorizing the borrowing of two hundred and forty one million, three hundred and twenty thousand dollars (\$241,320,000.00) for the recreation and activity centres projects.

## **Purpose:**

To initiate an alternative approval process and establish the deadline for receipt of elector responses for the borrowing from the Municipal Finance Authority of two hundred and forty one million, three hundred and twenty thousand dollars (\$241,320,000.00) for the recreation and activity centres projects.

## **Background:**

Following first three readings for Bylaw No. 12540 being the Recreation and Activity Centres Loan Authorization Bylaw on June 19, 2023, the Bylaw was forwarded for statutory approval from the

Inspector of Municipalities. Statutory approval was granted on July 17, 2023 and the City may now proceed with the alternative approval process (AAP) to seek approval of the electors for the borrowing of two hundred and forty one million, three hundred and twenty thousand dollars (\$241, 320, 000.00) for the redevelopment of the Parkinson Recreation Centre, the construction of the Glenmore Activity Centre, the construction of the Mission Activity Centre, and the redevelopment of the Rutland Sports fields.

Approval of the electors will be obtained if the number of elector responses received by the end of the alternative approval process is less than 10% of the number of electors, or fewer than 12,160 responses.

Elector response forms will be available at City Hall, 1435 Water Street, Parkinson Recreation Centre, 1800 Parkinson Way and posted on the City's website kelowna.ca. Other locations to pick up forms will be confirmed and added to the website.

**Considerations applicable to this report:**

**Legal/Statutory Authority:**

*Community Charter* section 86, Alternative approval process

*Community Charter* section 179, Loan authorization bylaws for long term borrowing

**Legal/Statutory Procedural Requirements:**

*Community Charter* section 180, Elector approval required for some loan authorization bylaws

Council is required to approve the elector response form as attached to this report and establish the deadline for receipt of elector responses, which must be at least 30 days after the second publication of the alternative approval process notice. The deadline of September 15 is 44 days after the second publication of the notice.

The Community Charter sets notice requirements for the alternative approval process. Notices will be posted on the public notice board at City Hall, advertised in the Daily Courier on Friday, July 28 and Wednesday, August 2, and posted on the City's website.

**Considerations not applicable to this report:**

**Existing Policy:**

**Financial/Budgetary Considerations:**

**External Agency/Public Comments:**

**Communications Comments:**

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