

City of New Westminster

Electric Utility Infrastructure Loan Authorization Bylaw No. 8041, 2018 Alternative Approval Process

EXPLANATORY NOTES:

Pursuant to Section 86 of the *Community Charter*, the City of New Westminster is proposing to seek the assent of the electors of the City of New Westminster by an alternative approval process. This alternative approval process applies to the entire City of New Westminster. The question before the electors is whether they are opposed to New Westminster City Council adopting Electric Utility Infrastructure Loan Authorization Bylaw No. 8041, 2018 (a bylaw to fund the construction of an electrical substation), without first obtaining the assent of the electors by voting.

Section 179 of the *Community Charter* requires approval from City Council and the Inspector of Municipalities for loan authorization bylaws funding projects capital in nature and section 180(1) of the *Community Charter* provides that such a bylaw may only be adopted with the approval of the electors, which approval may be obtained by way of an alternative approval process.

The number of eligible electors in the City of New Westminster is estimated to be **50,616**. Council may proceed with adoption of the Electric Utility Infrastructure Loan Authorization Bylaw No. 8041, 2018 unless, by the deadline set out below, at least 10% (**5,061**) of the estimated number of electors of the City of New Westminster sign an alternative approval process elector response form indicating that Council may not proceed with adoption of the bylaw without first receiving the assent of the electors by voting.

INSTRUCTIONS:

- If you are **opposed** to the adoption of the bylaw without it first receiving assent of the electors by voting, you may sign an alternative approval process elector response form.
- If you are not opposed to the adoption of the bylaw, you need do nothing.
- Alternative approval process elector response forms will be accepted only if they are in the form established by the Council of the City of New Westminster. The forms are available at the City Hall Information Desk, 511 Royal Avenue, New Westminster.
- Alternative approval process elector response forms must be submitted to the City Clerk, City of New Westminster, 2nd Floor, City Hall, 511 Royal Avenue, New Westminster, B.C. V3L 1H9. The deadline for submission of signed forms is on or before **7:00 p.m. Monday, March 11th, 2019**.
- Accurate copies of the elector response form may be made and used for signing.
- A person may **not** sign an elector response form more than once.
- A person who is not an elector of the City of New Westminster must not sign the elector response form.
- A person may not withdraw his or her name from an elector response form after **7:00 p.m. on Monday, March 11, 2019**.
- The name and residential address of the person signing must be included in this elector response form, and if applicable, also the address of the property in relation to which the person is entitled to register as a non-resident property elector.
- For the purposes of signing the electoral response form, the term 'elector' means a person who, at the time of signing the form, meets all of the qualifications of the *Local Government Act* for registration as a resident elector or as a non-resident property elector of the City of New Westminster as set out below:

Resident Electors:

City of New Westminster

- Must be eighteen years of age or older;
- Must be a Canadian citizen;
- Must have been a resident of British Columbia for at least six months immediately before the day the response form is signed;
- Must have been a resident of the City of New Westminster for at least 30 days immediately before the day the response form is signed; and
- Must not be disqualified by the *Local Government Act* or any other enactment from voting in an election or be otherwise disqualified by law.

Non - Resident Electors:

- Must NOT qualify as a Resident Elector of the City of New Westminster;
- Must be eighteen years of age or older;
- Must be a Canadian citizen;
- Must have been a resident of British Columbia for at least six months immediately before the day the response form is signed;
- Must have been the registered owner of real property in the City of New Westminster for at least 30 days immediately before the day the response form is signed;
- Must not be disqualified by the *Local Government Act* or any other enactment from voting in an election or be otherwise disqualified by law;
- If there is more than one registered owner of the property, only one of those individuals may register as a non-resident property elector, and only with the written consent of the majority owners; and
- May only sign an alternative approval process elector response form once, no matter how many parcels the person may own within the City of New Westminster.

Signed elector response forms must be delivered to the City Clerk's Office, City of New Westminster, 511 Royal Avenue, New Westminster, B.C. V3L 1H9, by 7:00 p.m. on Monday, March 11, 2019.

**NOTICE OF ALTERNATIVE APPROVAL
PROCESS OPPORTUNITY REGARDING
“Electric Utility Infrastructure Loan Authorization Bylaw No. 8041, 2018”**

Elector response forms may be obtained at the New Westminster City Hall Information Desk, 511 Royal Avenue, New Westminster. Completed forms must be dropped off at the Information Desk or delivered to the City Clerk’s Office, City of New Westminster, 511 Royal Avenue, New Westminster, B.C., V3L 1H9, by 7:00 pm on Monday, March 11, 2019.

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The proposed bylaw authorizes City Council to borrow for the stated purpose by way of debentures a sum not exceeding Thirty Million Dollars (\$30,000,000) repayable not later than twenty (20) years from the date of issue of such debentures.

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- A person who is not an elector of the City of New Westminster must not sign the elector response form.
- A person may not withdraw his or her name from an elector response form after **7:00 p.m. on Monday, March 11th, 2019**.
- The name and residential address of the person signing must be included in this elector response form, and if applicable, also the address of the property in relation to which the person is entitled to register as a non-resident property elector.

- To sign an alternative approval process elector response form you **MUST** meet the following criteria for either a Resident Elector OR a Non-resident (Property) Elector in the City of New Westminster:

Resident Electors:

- Must be eighteen years of age or older;
- Must be a Canadian citizen;
- Must have been a resident of British Columbia for at least six months immediately before the day the response form is signed;
- Must have been a resident of the City of New Westminster for at least 30 days immediately before the day the response form is signed; and
- Must not be disqualified by the *Local Government Act* or any other enactment from voting in an election or be otherwise disqualified by law.

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- Must be a Canadian citizen;
- Must have been a resident of British Columbia for at least six months immediately before the day the response form is signed;
- Must have been the registered owner of real property in the City of New Westminster for at least 30 days immediately before the day the response form is signed;
- Must not be disqualified by the *Local Government Act* or any other enactment from voting in an election or be otherwise disqualified by law;
- If there is more than one registered owner of the property, only one of those individuals may register as a non-resident property elector and only with the written consent of the majority of the owners; and

NOTE: A person must not sign any alternative approval process elector response form more than once and may not withdraw his or her name from the alternative approval process elector response form after the deadline for submission of the elector response forms has passed.

The bylaw and related material is available for public inspection at the New Westminster City Hall Information Desk, 511 Royal Avenue, New Westminster, B.C., during normal business hours being 8:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. Monday and 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Tuesday to Friday inclusive (except Statutory Holidays) from January 29th, 2019.

The deadline for submitting a signed alternative approval process elector response form, opposing adoption of the bylaw without first receiving the assent of the electors by voting, for the “Electric Utility Infrastructure Loan Authorization Bylaw No. 8041, 2018” is on or before **7:00 p.m., Monday, March 11th, 2019.**

This is the first of two publications of this Notice.

Dated this day of , 2019.

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Jacqueline Killawee
City Clerk, City of New Westminster

CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF NEW WESTMINSTER

**Electric Utility Infrastructure
Loan Authorization Bylaw No. 8041, 2018**

Alternative Approval Process Elector Response Form

I, the undersigned, hereby certify that:

- I am a Canadian citizen;
- I am 18 years or older;
- I have resided in British Columbia for at least six months immediately before the day I signed this form;
- I have resided in, or have been the registered owner of real property in, the City of New Westminster for at least 30 days before the day I signed this form;
- I am not disqualified by the *Local Government Act* or any other enactment or otherwise disqualified by law from voting in local elections;

(See attached explanatory notes and instructions)

By my signature below, I hereby indicate that I am **OPPOSED** to Council adopting the Electric Utility Infrastructure Loan Authorization Bylaw No. 8041, 2018, without first obtaining the assent of the majority of electors by voting.

Full Name: _____

Residential Address: _____

If you are a non-resident property elector, insert the address of the property in relation to which you are entitled to register as a non-resident property elector: _____

Signature: _____

Dated: _____

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