REGIONAL DISTRICT OF NANAIMO

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REGIONAL DISTRICT OF NANAIMO

MEMORANDUM

TO: Carol Mason
Chief Administrative Officer

DATE: April 20, 2012

FROM: Maureen Pearse
Senior Manager, Corporate Administration

FILE:

SUBJECT: Cedar Community Policing Office Contribution Service Establishment Bylaw No. 1653 - Results of Alternative Approval Process

PURPOSE

To report the results of the alternative approval process for "Cedar Community Policing Office Contribution Service Establishment Bylaw No. 1653, 2012".

BACKGROUND

At its regular meeting held January 24, 2012, the Board introduced a bylaw to establish a service to raise up to $2,000 annually to provide support for the Cedar Community Policing Office organization. In accordance with the *Community Charter* the Board chose to seek the assent of the electors through the alternative approval process for "Cedar Community Policing Office Contribution Service Establishment Bylaw No. 1653, 2012". The sole participating area in the service is Electoral Area 'A'.

In order to receive the assent of the electors, the number of elector response forms received could not exceed 10% of the electors for the proposed participating area. Section 86 of the *Community Charter* states:

> "that approval of the electors by alternative approval process is obtained if at the end of the time for receiving elector responses, the number of elector responses received is less than 10% of the number of electors of the area to which the approval process applies."

For the purpose of conducting the alternative approval process, the number of eligible electors in the service area was determined to be 5,401 electors. In order for the bylaw to receive the assent of the electors less than 10% or 540 elector response forms must have been received by the deadline of April 19, 2012. The total number of elector response forms received by April 19, 2012 was 4. As the total number of elector response forms received was less than 10% of the electors, the bylaw is deemed to have received the assent of the electors.

ALTERNATIVES

1. That "Cedar Community Policing Office Contribution Service Establishment Bylaw No. 1653, 2012" be adopted.

2. That the Board not proceed with the adoption of this bylaw.

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FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Bylaw No. 1653 provides for an annual contribution of up to $2,000 to the Cedar Community Policing Office. Based on a residential property assessed at $100,000, the cost to the individual homeowner would be $0.20 per annum. The adoption of this bylaw will provide the Board with the authority to fund up to $2,000 towards community policing initiatives.
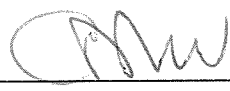
SUMMARY/CONCLUSIONS

At the January 24, 2012 Board meeting, "Cedar Community Policing Office Contribution Service Establishment Bylaw No. 1653, 2012" received first three readings. The Board sought the assent of the electors through the alternative approval process. In order to receive the assent of the electors, the number of elector response forms received could not exceed 10% (540) of the electors for the proposed participating area. The total number of responses received by the deadline of April 19, 2012 was 4, therefore the bylaw is deemed to have received the assent of the electors. Staff are recommending adoption of this bylaw. If the Board approves this bylaw, the next step will require the development of an agreement with the Cedar Community Policing Society to establish the terms and conditions for providing funding support.

RECOMMENDATION

That "Cedar Community Policing Office Contribution Service Establishment Bylaw No. 1653, 2012" be adopted.

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Report Writer

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CAO Concurrence