

The Corporation of the Village of New Denver



Notice to Electors of an Alternative Approval Process

This notice is the first of two notices to advise electors in the Village of New Denver of the intention to proceed with a Municipal Boundary Extension. The Proposed Municipal Boundary Extension includes properties primarily within the area known as Denver Siding; additional properties included in the proposal are either already serviced by Village water, are owned by the Village, or are properties that form a logical final boundary, as required by the Province.

The purpose of the Municipal Boundary Extension is to provide Denver Siding water system customers with a safe supply of drinking water. Grant funds have been received by the Village of New Denver to improve the Denver Siding water distribution system in the event of a boundary extension taking place. If the Proposed Municipal Boundary Extension is successful, Denver Siding water system customers would be connected to the Village of New Denver's water system and the Village would assume responsibility for the area's regulations and local services. All privately owned properties within the boundary extension area would participate in all functions and services provided by the Village, except that those not connected to Village water would not be charged Village water rates.

A summary of the proposal is available on the Village's website at www.newdenver.ca and at the Village of New Denver Office during each business day of the week between 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. A copy of the full Municipal Boundary Extension Proposal as submitted to the Province of BC's Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing is available, for in-office viewing only, at the Village Office during these times.

The Council of the Village of New Denver proposes to proceed with the Proposed Municipal Boundary Extension unless, by 4:00 p.m. on Monday, March 15, 2021, at least 10 percent of the electors in the Village of New Denver sign an elector response form opposing the implementation of the proposal unless Village Council holds a vote.

The number of elector responses required to prevent the local government from proceeding unless a vote is held is estimated to be forty-one (41). A report respecting the basis on which this determination was made is available upon request from the local government.

Elector responses are required to be submitted to the local government on forms that can be obtained during regular business hours from the Village of New Denver Office at 115 Slocan Avenue, New Denver, BC. The form can also be downloaded from the Village of New Denver's website at: www.newdenver.ca. The only elector response forms that will be accepted by the local government are the ones provided by the Village of New Denver, or an accurate copy of the form.

Only electors of the Village of New Denver are eligible to sign the elector response forms. There are two types of electors – resident electors and non-resident property electors.

Resident Elector: *When signing* an elector response form during an AAP, a resident elector must: be 18 years of age or older; be a Canadian citizen; have lived in British Columbia for at least six months; have lived in the jurisdiction (Village of New Denver) for at least 30 days; live in the area defined for the AAP; and, not be disqualified under the *Local Government Act*, or any other enactment from voting in a local election, or be otherwise disqualified by law.

Non-resident Property Elector: *When signing* an elector response form during an AAP, a non-resident property elector must: be at least 18 years of age; be a Canadian citizen; have lived in British Columbia for at least six months; have owned property in the jurisdiction (Village of New Denver) for at least 30 days; own property in the area defined for the AAP; and, not be disqualified under the *Local Government Act*, or any other enactment from voting in a local election, or be otherwise disqualified by law.

Note: Only one non-resident property elector may sign an elector response form per property, regardless of how many people own the property; and, that owner must have the written consent of a majority of the other property owner(s) to sign the response form on their behalf. **Property owned in whole or in part by a corporation does not qualify under the non-resident property elector provisions.**

Resident electors signing the elector response form must provide their name and address. Original signatures are required on the completed forms – faxed or emailed submissions will not be accepted.

Non-resident property electors must provide their name and the address of the property in relation to which they are entitled to register as a non-resident property elector. The local government will not share the information on the form with anyone other than the Corporate Officer, or other person designated by the Corporate Officer.

For more information on elector qualifications, please contact the Village of New Denver or see the *Voter's Guide to Local Government Elections in B.C.*, available from the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing or online at: <https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/governments/local-governments/governance-powers/general-local-elections/voter-eligibility-voting>.

For further information please contact the Village of New Denver by phone at 250-358-2316, facsimile at 250-358-7251, or email at office@newdenver.ca.