

Alternative Approval Process Information Sheet

The City of Castlegar Council intends to borrow up to \$1,650,000, under Section 175 of the *Community Charter*, from the Municipal Finance Authority, for the purpose of financing the Custom Pumper Fire Apparatus Fire Equipment. A loan to be repaid within 20 years, with no rights of renewal.

Castlegar residents count on the Castlegar Fire Department to provide excellent fire response service with modern and reliable equipment. The new Pumper Fire Apparatus Fire Equipment will replace the 2004 Spartan Engine 1 as it will reach the end of its useful life for fire operations in 2024. The replacement keeps the City current with the Fire Underwriters Survey requirements and minimizes insurance costs for all residents.

A copy of the Council report, resolution, and a summary of the proposal are available at Castlegar City Hall Monday to Friday between 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. and on the website at www.castlegar.ca

The City of Castlegar may proceed with borrowing up to \$1,650,000 under Section 175 of the *Community Charter*, unless 632 electors sign and submit a completed copy of an Elector Response Form by the deadline.

Elector responses are required to be submitted to the City of Castlegar's Corporate Officer by submitting an Elector Response Form that can be obtained during regular business hours from Castlegar City Hall. The form can also be downloaded from the City of Castlegar's website at: www.castlegar.ca

The only Elector Response Forms that will be accepted are the official forms provided by the City of Castlegar. Elector Response Forms must contain an original signature.

Only electors of the City of Castlegar are eligible to sign the Elector Response Forms.

Additional Information About Elector Eligibility

In order to sign an Elector Response Form in relation to the alternative approval process (AAP), a person must either be a resident elector or a non-resident property elector.

A resident elector is an individual who is entitled to sign an Elector Response Form during an AAP by virtue of living within that jurisdiction. When signing an Elector Response Form, a resident elector must:

- be 18 years of age or older;
- be a Canadian citizen;
- have been a resident of British Columbia for at least six months;
- be a resident of the City of Castlegar;
- 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.

A non-resident property elector is an individual that does not live in a jurisdiction and who is entitled to sign an Elector Response Form during an AAP by virtue of owning property in that jurisdiction. When signing an Elector Response Form, a non-resident property elector must:

- be at least 18 years of age;
- be a Canadian citizen;
- have been a resident in British Columbia for at least six months;
- be a registered owner of property in the City of Castlegar 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.*

