



## **Notice to Electors of an Alternative Approval Process**

**PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** to the electors of the City of Port Alberni and Electoral Areas: “B” (Beaufort), “D” (Sproat Lake), “E” (Beaver Creek) and “F” (Cherry Creek) of the intention of the Alberni-Clayoquot Regional District (ACRD) Board of Directors to adopt the following bylaws: “*Port Alberni Airport Runway Expansion Loan Authorization Bylaw No. F1120, 2015*” and “*Port Alberni Airport Extended Service Area Establishment Amendment Bylaw No. 791-2, 2015*”.

### **Summary of Bylaws**

**Bylaw F1120** cited as “*Port Alberni Airport Runway Expansion Loan Authorization Bylaw No. F1120, 2015*”. The purpose of the bylaw is to borrow up to a maximum of \$6 million dollars over a 30 year period in order to carry out the planning, study, design and construction of works in connection with expanding the runway at the Port Alberni Airport. It is estimated that the borrowing will result in a tax increase of \$16.80 per year for an average residential property valued at \$200,000.

**Bylaw 791-2** cited as “*Port Alberni Airport Extended Service Area Establishment Amendment Bylaw No. 791-2, 2015*”. The purpose of the bylaw is to amend Bylaw 791, *Port Alberni Airport Extended Service Area Establishment, 2012* increasing the maximum annual tax requisition from \$50,000 to \$150,000 and provide the required room to service the annual borrowing debt for the runway expansion project.

The Port Alberni Airport runway expansion project will accommodate larger, higher capacity aircraft and will provide additional economic and job opportunities in the Alberni Valley. A copy of Bylaws F1120 and 791-2 and a summary of the project are available from the Regional District Office during each business day of the week between 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. or on the Regional District website at [www.acrd.bc.ca](http://www.acrd.bc.ca).

### **Service Area Participants**

The participating areas of the Port Alberni Airport service are: City of Port Alberni and Electoral Areas: “B” (Beaufort), “D” (Sproat Lake), “E” (Beaver Creek) and “F” (Cherry Creek).

### **Alternate Approval Process (AAP)**

The ACRD Board of Directors may proceed with the adoption of Bylaws F1120 and 791-2 if less than 2,050 electors (10% of the total number of eligible electors of the service area) in the service area sign and submit an “Elector Response Form” by the deadline opposing the Board’s adoption of the bylaws. If 2,050 or more valid elector responses are received by the deadline, the ACRD Board must obtain assent of the electors by way of referendum before proceeding with the bylaws.

Elector responses must be in the form established by the ACRD Board of Directors. Elector Response Forms may be obtained from the ACRD Office or from the website at [www.acrd.bc.ca](http://www.acrd.bc.ca) and can only be signed by qualified electors of the Port Alberni Airport Service area. Electors include both resident and non-resident who are eligible to vote.

### **Deadline**

The deadline for delivering the original signed Elector Response Forms to the ACRD is **4:30 pm on Wednesday, August 5, 2015**. Forms must be received by the deadline in order to be counted.

## **Elector Eligibility**

**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 (e.g. municipality or electoral area) for at least 30 days; live in the participating area defined for the AAP; and, not be disqualified by the *Local Government Act*, any other Act, or the Courts from voting in a general local election.

**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 (e.g. municipality or electoral area) for at least 30 days; own property in the participating area defined for the AAP; and, not be disqualified by the *Local Government Act*, any other Act, or the Courts from voting in a general local election.

**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 with 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.

**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 ACRD will not share the information on the form with anyone other than the Manager of Administrative Services, or other person designated by the Manager of Administrative Services.

For further information please contact Wendy Thomson, Manager of Administrative Services at the Alberni-Clayoquot Regional District Office (250) 720-2706 or email [wendy.thomson@acrd.bc.ca](mailto:wendy.thomson@acrd.bc.ca).