

ALTERNATIVE APPROVAL PROCESS ELECTOR RESPONSE FORM

I am **OPPOSED** to the District of Lake Country (the “District”) proceeding with the Loan Authorization Bylaw (WWTP) 1158, 2021 which authorizes the borrowing of up to eight million, eight hundred forty thousand dollars (\$8,840,000) to undertake the Wastewater Treatment Plant Phase 4 Upgrade.

Loan Authorization Bylaw (WWTP) 1158, 2021 is available for public inspection at the Municipal Hall, 10150 Bottom Wood Lake Road, Lake Country, BC during regular office hours – 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday, excluding statutory holidays.

THE PROJECT

The Wastewater Treatment Plant (“WWTP”) Phase 4 Upgrade includes improvements to increase the District’s capacity to treat wastewater and reduce risk by providing greater redundancy. As the community continues to grow and sewage sent to the treatment plant continues to increase, improvements to the plant’s redundancy and capacity are required. Not completing these improvements puts the plant and District facilities at risk of failure due to a lack of redundancy and capacity.

- As part of the Phase 4 Upgrade, a tertiary filtration system will be installed to address concerns of suspended solids within the treated effluent.
- Tertiary filtration treatment ensures high quality effluent enters the ground and reliable operation.
- Failure of any single component should not prevent treatment from meeting quality criteria; therefore, key components have been identified for upgrade to ensure the environment and public health are not at risk.
- The WWTP is rapidly approaching capacity, meaning the District will be unable to further service the community. To ensure residents have a safe and environmentally responsible means of liquid waste disposal, upgrades are necessary.

THE FUNDING

In January 2020 staff submitted a grant application for \$9,817,000 to the Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program which was not successful. The only option to move forward with the Phase 4 Upgrade is to consider funding through long-term borrowing.

The borrowing will be repaid using existing and future Sewer Development Cost Charges (DCC’s). That means no increase to user fees, parcel taxes or property taxes because of the borrowing. If there are not enough future DCC’s to repay the debt, Council may consider alternatives such as borrowing from reserves or taxes.

The cost of servicing the debt using the Municipal Finance Authority (MFA) interest rate of 3.09% with a 20-year amortization is estimated at \$628,012 (\$354,856 to principal, \$273,156 to interest) in 2022. The total cost of borrowing over 20 years is estimated at \$5,463,120.

THE ALTERNATIVE APPROVAL PROCESS

The AAP is open to all qualified electors in the District. No person shall sign an Elector Response Form more than once and no person is permitted to withdraw their name after the deadline. Elector response forms will be accepted only if they are in the form established by the District of Lake Country Council. By signing a form, you are indicating you are **OPPOSED** to the borrowing. Forms are available at the District of Lake Country Municipal Hall **beginning on Thursday, September 2, 2021.**

DEADLINE

All Elector Response Forms must be received by the Corporate Officer on or before **4:30 pm on Tuesday, October 12, 2021**. Elector Response Forms may be submitted in person or by mail to the Municipal Hall, 10150 Bottom Wood Lake Road, Lake Country, BC, V4V 2M1 or by email to admin@lakecountry.bc.ca.

THE NUMBER OF ELECTORS

Based on data from BC Statistics and the 2016 Census, the total number of electors in the District of Lake Country is estimated at 12,669. Under section 86 of the *Community Charter*, Council may proceed with the Loan Authorization Bylaw only if it does not receive elector response forms signed by at least 10% of the electors. A total of 1267 Elector Response Forms must be received by the deadline to prevent Council from proceeding with the borrowing without first conducting a referendum.

DECLARATION

By signing this Elector Response Form, I the undersigned, understand and declare:

- I am eighteen (18) years of age or older;
- I am a Canadian citizen;
- I have resided in BC for at least six (6) months immediately before signing this form;
- I have resided in Lake Country for at least 30 days before signing this form OR I have been the registered owner of property in Lake Country for at least 30 days before signing this form;
- I am not disqualified from voting under the Local Government Act or any other enactment or otherwise disqualified by law from voting;
- I have not previously signed an Elector Response Form for Loan Authorization Bylaw (WWTP) 1158, 2021 AAP.

ELECTOR'S FULL NAME (Print full name)	RESIDENTIAL ADDRESS (or address of real property if non-resident)	SIGNATURE OF ELECTOR

This form may be signed by up to **two** (2) Electors.