

**Union Bay Improvement District
Notice of Alternative Approval Process**

Fire Hall Construction Loan Authorization Bylaw No. 220, 2009

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT, pursuant to the *Local Government Act*, the Union Bay Improvement District proposes to adopt Fire Hall Construction Loan Authorization Bylaw No. 220, 2009.

The Fire Hall Construction Loan Authorization Bylaw No. 220, 2009 provides for borrowing for debt incurred by the construction of a fire hall, by way of taxing powers of the improvement district for the repayment of the said sum.

The overall cost, including transfer fees, for the construction of the fire hall is estimated to be \$2,000,000 (Two Million Dollars). Funding for the purchase will come from the following sources:

Loan	\$2,000,000
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The Union Bay Improvement District has additional land which may be sold to offset costs related to this proposed borrowing.

Further information on this matter can be obtained from the Union Bay Improvement District Office, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday, Tuesday and Friday, at 5539 S. Island Highway, Union Bay, BC. **Information will be presented to Landowners on Thursday, May 14, 2009 at the Union Bay Improvement District Auditorium, 5539 S. Island Highway, Union Bay, BC at 2 p.m. and 7 p.m.**

FURTHER NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT, pursuant to the *Local Government Act* and the Letters Patent of the Union Bay Improvement District, the Board of the Union Bay Improvement District may adopt *Fire Hall Construction Loan Authorization Bylaw #220, 2009* and proceed with the borrowing as noted above if, after the deadline, elector response forms are certified by the Corporate Officer as having been signed by less than 10% of the eligible electors in the Union Bay Improvement District. If, after the deadline, elector response forms are certified by the Corporate Officer as having been signed by at least 10% of the eligible electors in the Union Bay Improvement District (calculated at **120**), the Board may not adopt *Fire Hall Construction Loan Authorization Bylaw #220, 2009* and may not proceed with the bylaw unless the bylaw receives assent of the electors in a voting proceeding.

Elector Response Forms

The response of the electors must be in the form established by the Union Bay Improvement District. Forms are available at the Union Bay Improvement District Office located at 5539 S. Island Highway, Union Bay, BC. Forms are also available at the Landowners' presentation on Thursday, May 14, 2009 at the Union Bay Improvement District Auditorium, 5539 S. Island Hwy., Union Bay, BC. An accurate copy of the elector response form may be utilized, provided that it is made of the form prior to any electors signing such form, so that only elector response forms with original signatures are submitted. For an elector response to be accepted it must meet the following conditions:

- Only eligible electors of the Union Bay Improvement District are entitled to sign an elector response form;
- The full name of the elector must be stated;
- The residential address of the elector must be stated;
- The elector must sign the elector response form;
- If applicable, the address of the property in relation to which the person is entitled to vote as a non-resident property elector must be stated; and
- The elector response form must be submitted to the Corporate Officer before the deadline.

Forms may be submitted in person or by mail to be received by the Corporate Officer at the Union Bay Improvement District office located at 5539 S. Island Highway, Union Bay, BC V0R 3B0 **NO LATER THAN 4:00 P.M. ON Friday, June 12, 2009**. Elector response forms must be in the possession of the Corporate Officer by this time as postmarks **WILL NOT** be accepted as date of submission. **PETITIONS MAY NOT BE RETURNED BY FAX.**

Eligible Elector

An eligible elector for the purchase of this Alternative Approval Process is a resident who meets the following criteria:

- Is age eighteen or older;
- Is a Canadian citizen;
- Has been a resident of British Columbia for at least six months;
- Has been a resident in the Union Bay Improvement District for at least thirty days;
- Is a registered landowner for property within the Union Bay Improvement District area or meets the eligibility of electing trustees as set out in the Letters Patent of the Union Bay Improvement District; and
- Is not disqualified from voting the *Local Government Act* or any other act.

A non-resident property elector who meets the following criteria is also an eligible elector:

- is not entitled to register as a resident elector for the Union Bay Improvement District area;
- is age eighteen or older;
- is a Canadian citizen;
- has been a resident of British Columbia for at least six months;
- has been a registered owner of the real property within the Union Bay Improvement District area for at least thirty days;
- meets the eligibility of electing trustees as set out in the Letters Patent of the Union Bay Improvement District; and
- is not disqualified from voting the *Local Government Act* or any other act.

Note: In the case of a landowner owning multiple properties only one vote per person is allowed unless that person is a delegated representative for a corporation in addition to personally owned property.

What is an Alternative Approval Process?

On January 1, 2004 the *Community Charter* came into force and prescribes two methods by which a local government may seek approval of the electors. These are *Assent of the Electors* (which is approval by voting) or *Alternative Approval Process* which allows a Board to proceed with an action unless at least 10% of the electors state their opposition within a prescribed period. In this case, the Board has opted for the latter process. If at least 10% of the electors state their opposition to the proposed action, the matter requires the *Assent of the Electors* if the Board wishes to proceed. The *Alternative Approval Process* under the Community Charter replaces the *Counter Petition Opportunity* under the *Local Government Act* that some may have been familiar with.

More information may be obtained by contacting Brenda Fisher, Corporate Officer, at the Union Bay Improvement District office at 5539 S. Island Highway or by telephone at 250-335-2511.

Brenda Fisher
Corporate Officer