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ELECTOR RESPONSE FORM

Alternative Approval Process for Bylaw No. 4575

By completing this elector response form I **oppose** the Capital Regional District's intention to adopt **Bylaw No. 4575, "Biodiversity and Environmental Stewardship Coordination Establishing Bylaw No. 1, 2023,"** to authorize the establishment of a new regional service for the purpose of coordinating a regional approach to biodiversity, protection of ecological assets and environmental stewardship, unless a vote is held.

Please print using BLOCK LETTERS

Full name of elector: _____
(one form per person)

Signature: _____
A person must not sign more than one elector response form

Residential Address: _____
Street Name Municipality/Electoral Area Postal Code

Choose one (see next page for eligibility requirements):

- I am a resident elector
- I am a non-resident property elector in the Capital Regional District who lives in another community in **British Columbia** and owns property at the below address*:

The deadline for submitting this elector response form to the **Capital Regional District** is: **4:30 p.m. on Wednesday, January 15, 2025.**

Address: c/o Legislative Services, CRD, 625 Fisgard Street, Victoria, BC, V8W 1R7
Phone: 250.360.3024
E-mail: LegServ@crd.bc.ca (please scan a legible signed copy as PDF)

The Capital Regional District may obtain Electoral Area approval for Bylaw No. 4575, "Biodiversity and Environmental Stewardship Coordination Establishing Bylaw No. 1, 2023" unless at least 33,194 electors sign and submit a completed copy of this elector response form to the Capital Regional District by the deadline.

Additional information can be found on the next page of this form about the subject of this alternative approval process as well as the elector qualifications.

*Notes for non-resident property elector(s):

- Section 86(7) of the Community Charter requires the elector's full name and residential address or the address of the property in relation to which the person is entitled to register as a non-resident property elector in order for this response form to be counted.
- 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.

Bylaw No. 4575 – AAP Information Sheet

The proposed Biodiversity and Environmental Stewardship Coordination service was identified in the CRD Board's 2023-2026 Strategic Priorities to “explore options for a regional approach to biodiversity and the protection of ecological assets”. Protecting and enhancing regional biodiversity and ecological assets will help build climate resiliency, improve watershed and harbour health, support food security and enhance the livability, sustainability and resilience of the region through environmental stewardship.

Therefore, the Capital Regional District (CRD) intends to adopt **Bylaw No. 4575, “Biodiversity and Environmental Stewardship Coordination Establishing Bylaw No. 1, 2023”**. The purpose of Bylaw No. 4575 is to establish a new regional service for the purpose of coordinating a regional approach to biodiversity, protection of ecological assets and environmental stewardship. The service will include conducting research, obtaining data, managing problem species, establishing partnerships with government and non-government organizations including First Nations, and facilitating an environmental stewardship strategy along with public outreach and education.

The maximum amount that can be requisitioned for the service is five hundred thousand dollars (\$500,000) or an amount equal to the amount that could be raised by a property value tax rate of \$0.0028 per one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00) to the net taxable value of the land and improvements within the service area.

The proposed service area applies to all municipalities and electoral areas of the Capital Regional District, including Central Saanich, Colwood, Esquimalt, Highlands, Langford, Metchosin, North Saanich, Oak Bay, Saanich, Sidney, Sooke, Victoria, View Royal, and the Electoral Areas of Juan de Fuca, Salt Spring Island, and Southern Gulf Islands. Participating area consent will be obtained by conducting a region wide alternative approval process.

Please note that this synopsis of Bylaw No. 4575 is not intended to be or understood as an interpretation of the bylaw. A copy of the complete bylaw and this notice may be viewed at Capital Regional District office located at 625 Fisgard Street, Victoria, BC from 8:30 am to 4:30 pm, Monday to Friday (excluding statutory holidays). The bylaw may also be viewed at www.crd.bc.ca/biodiversity-aap

Additional Information About Elector Eligibility

In order to sign an elector response form, 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 jurisdiction (e.g., municipality or electoral area);
- live in the area defined for the AAP (i.e. Capital Regional District); 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 area defined for the AAP (i.e. Capital Regional District); for at least 30 days; 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.