



## NOTICE OF AN ALTERNATIVE APPROVAL PROCESS FOR ALL ELECTORS OF THE NORTHERN ROCKIES REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY

The 2009 Water System Improvements Loan Authorization Bylaw No. 13, 2009

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT**, the Regional Council for the Northern Rockies Regional Municipality proposes to adopt “The 2009 Water System Improvements Loan Authorization Bylaw No. 13, 2009.” If adopted, Bylaw 13 authorizes the Northern Rockies Regional Municipality to borrow up to \$2,018,000 for a 30 year period, to finance the construction of the estimated costs of improvements to the municipal water system serving the Northern Rockies Regional Municipality.

A copy of the Bylaw is available for review commencing January 28<sup>th</sup>, 2010 at the Regional Municipality office located at 5319 – 50<sup>th</sup> Avenue South, in Fort Nelson BC, during regular office hours, Monday through Friday from 8:30 am to 4:30 pm, excluding statutory holidays. Bylaw 13 is also available on the NRRM website at [www.northernrockies.ca](http://www.northernrockies.ca)

### ALTERNATIVE APPROVAL PROCESS AND ELIGIBILITY

The Northern Rockies Regional Municipality proposes to adopt this bylaw unless at least 10% of electors within the entire Northern Rockies Regional Municipality indicate that a referendum must be held by submitting a signed *Elector Response Form* to the Regional Municipality office no later than 4:30 pm on Wednesday, March 10<sup>th</sup>, 2010. *Elector Response Forms* must be in the form established by the Regional Municipality and only those persons who qualify as electors of the entire Northern Rockies Regional Municipality, are entitled to sign. Electors may qualify as either resident electors or as non-resident property electors, as follows:

**Resident Elector** – You are entitled to submit an elector response form if you are 18 years or older on the day of submission, are a Canadian citizen, have lived in BC for at least six months and have been a resident of the Northern Rockies Regional Municipality for the past 30 days.

**Non-Resident Property Elector** – You are entitled to submit an elector response form as a non resident property elector if you are age 18 or older on the day of submission, are a Canadian citizen, have lived in BC for at least six months, have owned and held registered title to a property in the Northern Rockies Regional Municipality for the past 30 days. NOTE: Only one non-resident property elector may submit a response form per property, regardless of how many owners there may be.

For the purpose of conducting the alternative approval opportunity, the number of area electors is calculated as 439. If less than 10% (439) of the area electors submit an Elector Response Form, the bylaw will be deemed to have the approval of the electors and the Regional Municipality may proceed with adoption.

Elector response forms are available at the Corporate Services Department at the Regional Municipality Office, 5319 - 50<sup>th</sup> Avenue South, Fort Nelson, BC or on the NRRM website at [www.northernrockies.ca](http://www.northernrockies.ca) . They may be submitted to the Regional Council through the Corporate Manager by mail or in person, and they may be copied for distribution.

Please contact Heather Cosman, Corporate Manager at 774-2541, Ext 221 for elector response forms, for more information, or for a copy of "The 2009 Water System Improvements Loan Authorization Bylaw No. 13, 2009" between the hours of 8:30 am and 4:30 pm, Monday to Friday, exclusive of holidays from January 28<sup>th</sup> to March 10<sup>th</sup> 2010.

Electoral Response Forms shall not be received nor certified as sufficient if received **after 4:30 pm March 10<sup>th</sup>, 2010.**

### **What is an Alternative Approval Process?**

On January 01, 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 local government to proceed with an action unless at least 10% of the electors state their opposition within a prescribed period. In this case, the Regional Council 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 Regional Council wishes to proceed.

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