

STAFF REPORT TO COUNCIL

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DATE: April 1, 2022

TO: MAYOR AND COUNCIL

NAME AND TITLE: ADAM DAVEY, ACTING CITY MANAGER

SUBJECT: Results of Alternative Approval Process for Equipment Financing Bylaw No. 9277, 2022

ATTACHMENT(S): Appendix "A" – Certificate of Insufficiency for "City of Prince George Equipment Financing Bylaw No. 9277, 2022"

Appendix "B" – Summary of Results for Alternative Approval Process

Appendix "C" – Staff Report dated January 28, 2022 titled "2022 Equipment Financing Bylaw and Approval of the Electors' Options"

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council RECEIVES FOR INFORMATION the Certificate of Insufficiency attached as Appendix "A" to the report dated April 1, 2022 from the Acting City Manager titled "Results of Alternative Approval Process for Equipment Financing Bylaw No. 9277, 2022."

PURPOSE:

The purpose of this report is to provide Council the results of the alternative approval process for the "City of Prince George Equipment Financing Bylaw No. 9277, 2022."

BACKGROUND:

At the regular meeting held February 7, 2022, Council gave first three readings to "City of Prince George Equipment Financing Bylaw No. 9277, 2022" and approved an alternative approval process to be undertaken. The deadline of 5:00 p.m. on March 31, 2022 was specified for electors to submit an elector response form in opposition to the bylaw. Appendix "C" contains the initial report to Council and provides details on the approved projects from the 2022 - 2026 Capital Plan that form part of the Equipment Financing Program request.

In accordance with the *Community Charter* and "City of Prince George Council Procedures Bylaw No. 8388, 2011", the City posted public notice of the alternative approval process in the Prince George Citizen on February 17 and 24, 2022, on the City's website, and on the posting board located on the first floor of City Hall. The *Community Charter* requires that after the deadline for an alternative approval process has passed, the Corporate Officer must determine and certify, based on the Elector Response Forms received before the deadline, whether elector approval has been obtained. Approval of the electors for a Bylaw is obtained if the number of valid Elector Response Forms received by the deadline is less than 10% of the number of electors (10% of 55,703). In other words, approval of the Electors for the Bylaw would be obtained if the number of Elector Response Forms received by the

deadline is less than 5,570. The Corporate Officer's Certificate of Insufficiency attached as Schedule "A" constitutes the Corporate Officer's certification that elector approval has been obtained for the "City of Prince George Equipment Financing Bylaw No. 9277, 2022." For Council's information, Schedule "B" is a detailed summary of the results of the alternative approval process that sets out that a total of 112 valid elector response forms were received.

SUMMARY AND CONCLUSION:

As indicated by the attached Certificate of Insufficiency, approval of the electors under the *Community Charter* has been obtained for "City of Prince George Equipment Financing Bylaw No. 9277, 2022." Accordingly, Council may consider final reading and adoption of the Bylaw.

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RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:

Adam Davey, Acting City Manager

Meeting Date: 2022/04/11