

STAFF REPORT TO COUNCIL

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DATE: March 31, 2023

TO: MAYOR AND COUNCIL

NAME AND TITLE: MAUREEN CONNELLY, MANAGER OF LEGISLATIVE SERVICES/CORPORATE OFFICER

SUBJECT: Results of Alternative Approval Process for Equipment Financing Bylaw No. 9382, 2023

ATTACHMENT(S): Appendix "A" – Certificate of Insufficiency for "City of Prince George Equipment Financing Bylaw No. 9382, 2023"

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

Appendix "C" – Staff Report dated February 6, 2023 titled "2023 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 March 31, 2023 from the Manager of Legislative Services/Corporate Officer titled "Results of Alternative Approval Process for Equipment Financing Bylaw No. 9382, 2023."

PURPOSE:

The purpose of this report is to provide Council and the public with the results of the alternative approval process for the "City of Prince George Equipment Financing Bylaw No. 9382, 2023."

BACKGROUND:

At the regular meeting held February 6, 2023, Council gave first three readings to "City of Prince George Equipment Financing Bylaw No. 9382, 2023" and approved an alternative approval process to be undertaken for the purpose of seeking approval of the electors. The deadline of 5:00 p.m. on March 30, 2023 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 2023 - 2027 Capital Plan that form part of the Equipment Financing program request.

In accordance with the *Community Charter* and "City of Prince George Public Notice Bylaw No. 9329, 2022", the City posted public notice of the alternative approval process in the City's Public Notice Posting Place, Public Notice Page on the City's website, and the City's Facebook page. In addition, the notice was published in the Prince George Citizen on March 2 and 23, 2023.

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 55,941). 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 5,594.

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. 9382, 2023." 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 twenty-four (24) 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. 9382, 2023." Accordingly, Council may consider final reading and adoption of the Bylaw.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:

Maureen Connelly, Corporate Officer/
Manager of Legislative Services

APPROVED:

Walter Babicz, City Manager

Meeting Date: 2023/04/12