

**DATE:** June 2, 2021

**TO:** MAYOR AND COUNCIL

**NAME AND TITLE:** WALTER BABICZ, ACTING CITY MANAGER

**SUBJECT:** Results of Alternative Approval Process for Bylaw No. 9199, 2021

**ATTACHMENTS:** Schedule “A” – Certificate of Insufficiency for “City of Prince George Equipment Financing Bylaw No. 9199, 2021

Schedule “B” – Summary of Results for Alternative Approval Process

Schedule “C” – Staff Report dated April 6, 2021 titled “2021 Equipment Financing Bylaw and Approval of Electors’ Options”

**RECOMMENDATION:**

That Council RECEIVES FOR INFORMATION the Certificate of Insufficiency attached as Appendix “A” to the report dated June 2, 2021 from the Acting City Manager, titled “Results of Alternative Approval Process for Bylaw No. 9199, 2021.”

**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. 9199, 2021.”

**BACKGROUND:**

At the regular meeting held on April 12, 2021, Council gave first three readings to “City of Prince George Equipment Financing Bylaw No. 9199, 2021” and approved an alternative approval process to be undertaken with a deadline of 5:00 p.m. on June 1, 2021 for electors to submit an elector response form in opposition to the bylaw. Schedule “C” contains the initial report to Council and provides details on the approved projects from the 2021-2025 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 April 22 and April 29, 2021, 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 in relation

to that Bylaw is less than 10% of the number of electors (10% of 58,852). 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 5,885.

The Corporate Officer's Certificate of Insufficiency attached to this report constitutes the Corporate Officer's certification that elector approval has been obtained for the "City of Prince George Equipment Financing Bylaw No. 9199, 2021."

A detailed summary of the results of the alternative approval process is attached to this report for Council's information.

**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. 9199, 2021." Accordingly, Council may consider adopting the Bylaw.

**APPROVED:**

Walter Babicz, Acting City Manager

**PREPARED BY:** Maureen Connelly, Manager of Legislative Services

Meeting Date: 2021/06/14