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**REPORT TO ELECTORAL AREAS COMMITTEE  
MEETING OF WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 08, 2020**

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**SUBJECT**     **Alternative Approval Process Results for Salt Spring Island Community Safety Service Establishment – Bylaw No. 4325**

**ISSUE SUMMARY**

To present the results of the alternative approval process for Bylaw No. 4325 and to give direction on next steps.

**BACKGROUND**

At the meeting of September 11, 2019, the CRD Board directed that the required elector assent for the adoption of Bylaw No. 4325, “Salt Spring Island Community Safety Service Establishing Bylaw No. 1, 2019” be obtained via alternative approval process (AAP). Bylaw No. 4325 was proposed to assist, administer, promote, organize, implement, and monitor community safety initiatives and programs in the Salt Spring Island Electoral Area.

The CRD Board confirmed that the number of eligible electors in the service area was 9,095, and that if more than 10% of that number, or 910 electors, submitted elector response forms, assent for the new service would not be obtained. The AAP for Bylaw No. 4325 was advertised in local newspapers, and information was placed on the CRD website.

At the close of the deadline at 4 pm on December 9, 2019, it was determined that 1850 valid elector response forms had been received. A copy of the Certificate of Results is attached (Appendix A). As this represents more than the 10% threshold required to obtain elector assent by way of AAP, elector assent was not obtained. If the Board wishes to continue to pursue Bylaw No. 4325, it must attempt to obtain elector assent by way of a referendum.

**ALTERNATIVES**

*Alternative 1*

The Electoral Areas Committee recommends to the Capital Regional District Board:

1. That the attached Certificate of Results from the Corporate Officer for Bylaw No. 4325 be received, and
2. That no further action be taken on elector assent or adoption for Bylaw No. 4325 at this time.

*Alternative 2*

The Electoral Areas Committee recommends to the Capital Regional District Board:

1. That the attached Certificate of Results from the Corporate Officer for Bylaw No. 4325 be received, and
2. That elector assent be obtained by way of a referendum.

*Alternative 3 (if needed)*

That this report be referred back to staff for additional information.



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**IMPLICATIONS**

*Financial Implications*

As the service was not established, the costs for administering the AAP will be paid for by the Salt Spring Island Electoral Area administration budget.

*Service Delivery Implications*

The Community Safety service as proposed by the draft Bylaw No. 4325 will not be established given that elector assent was not obtained.

**CONCLUSION**

Elector assent by way of an alternative approval process was required in order to establish a new service for community safety on Salt Spring Island with the adoption of Bylaw No. 4325, "Salt Spring Island Community Safety Service Establishing Bylaw No. 1, 2019". At the close of the deadline date of December 9, 2019 for receipt of elector responses, it was determined that 1850 elector response forms had been accepted. As this represents more than 10% of registered voters, elector approval by alternative approval process has not been obtained.

**RECOMMENDATION**

The Electoral Areas Committee recommends to the Capital Regional District Board:

1. That the attached Certificate of Results from the Corporate Officer for Bylaw No. 4325 be received, and
2. That no further action be taken on elector assent or adoption for Bylaw No. 4325 at this time.

Concurrence:	Kristen Morley, J.D., General Manager, Corporate Services & Corporate Officer
Concurrence:	Kevin Lorette, Acting Chief Administrative Officer

**ATTACHMENT**

Appendix A: Certificate of Results for Bylaw No. 4325