



**ALTERNATIVE APPROVAL PROCESS –
DETERMINING THE NUMBER OF ELIGIBLE ELECTORS**

The purpose of this report is to show the basis for determining the total number of electors within the Township of Esquimalt in relation to *Public Safety Building Improvements Loan Authorization Bylaw, 2021, No. 3021*, that is the subject of an alternative approval process. Section 86(3)(c) of the *Community Charter* requires the council to make a fair determination of the total number of electors of the area to which the approval process applies. In addition, the council must make available to the public, on request, a report respecting the basis on which the determination was made.

The number of people eligible to be a *resident elector* or a *non-resident property elector* is determined based on those individuals who *when signing an elector response form*:

- are 18 years of age or older;
- are a Canadian citizen;
- have lived in British Columbia for at least six months;
- have lived or owned property in the jurisdiction (e.g., municipality or electoral area) for at least 30 days;
- live, or own property in the area defined for the AAP; and,
- are not disqualified under the *Local Government Act*, or any other enactment from voting in a local election or be otherwise disqualified by law.

The estimated number of eligible electors within the area defined for the AAP is based on information from various sources as indicated below, is calculated as follows:

1. Estimated population of the area defined for the AAP:	<u>19226</u>
<i>(a number retrieved from Statistics Canada Census Profile, 2016 Census on February 19, 2021, and based on an 8.9% population change from the 2011 Census)</i>	
2. Estimated number of resident electors:	<u>13325</u>
<i>(a number obtained from Elections BC on February 19, 2021)</i>	
3. Estimated number of non-resident property electors:	<u>477</u>
<i>(a number calculated from the Township of Esquimalt's property tax records on February 19, 2021)</i>	
4. Fair determination of the number of eligible electors in the area defined for the AAP:	<u>13802</u>
5. Ten percent (10%) of eligible electors:	<u>1380</u>

The bylaw will have the approval of the electors if the number of elector responses received by the deadline is less than ten percent (10%) of eligible electors. The Township must receive a minimum of **1380** Elector Response Forms for Public Safety Building Improvements Loan Authorization Bylaw, 2021, No. 3021, *not* to proceed. Therefore, elector approval is deemed to have been obtained if less than **1380** valid Elector Response Forms **IN OPPOSITION** to Bylaw No. 3021 are received by the Corporate Officer by the deadline.

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