

Report for Determining Number of Eligible Electors

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The purpose of this report is to show the basis for determining the total number of electors in relation to North Cowichan / Duncan Integrated RCMP Facility Loan Authorization Bylaw No. 3787, 2020, that is the subject of this 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, 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 within North Cowichan for at least 30 days;
- live, or own property within North Cowichan; 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	30,949
2. Estimated number of people 18 years of age or older	27,093
3. Minus number of people estimated as not being Canadian citizens	1,200
4. Add estimated number of non-resident property electors	<u>1,023</u>
Estimated total number of eligible electors in the area defined for the AAP	<u>26,916</u>
Ten percent of the total number of eligible electors is estimated to be:	2,692

1. The total estimated population of the jurisdiction was derived from information obtained from Long-Range Projections of Population, Housing, and Employment in the Cowichan Valley Regional District that was prepared on June 12, 2019 Rennie Intelligence. The baseline for projected population growth for North Cowichan was based on the national, provincial and regional projections for 2020. The report provided three separate scenarios based on (1) that 90% of the growth would occur outside of the incorporated municipalities, (2) that 90% of region-wide growth would occur within the urban containment boundaries, and (3) that 75% of growth would occur within areas of the region that currently have water or sewer services. Therefore, the estimated population used is the 2020 baseline calculated at: 30,949.
2. The estimated number of people 18 years of age or older is based on information from the same source. The data for the 15-19 age group (1,642) was divided by the number of years in the group (5) and then multiplied by 2 (to estimate those aged 18 and 19) and then added to the totals for the remaining age groups from 20 to 85+. Therefore, the population estimated to be older than 18 is calculated as: 27,093
3. The number of people estimated as not being Canadian citizens is estimated to be 1,200. The totals for all age groups taken from the 2017 and 2020 baselines in the Rennie Intelligence report was used for was used to establish the growth rate from 2017 to 2020 for the entire community (3.46%) and was then applied against the value (1,160) from the 2016 Census data from Statistics Canada.
4. The number of non-resident property electors is estimated to be 1,023 based on information received from property taxes that was prepared on May 27, 2020. Therefore, this number is being added to the calculation listed in #6.