THE CORPORATION OF THE
DISTRICT OF SUMMERLAND
INFORMATION REPORT

DATE: August 29, 2023 FILE: 4200-30

TO: Graham Statt, Chief Administrative Officer

FROM: Kendra Kinsley, Chief Election Officer/Corporate Officer

SUBJECT: 2023 Recreation Centre Referendum Key Dates

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

That Council pass the following resolution:

> ***THAT the report titled "2023 Recreation Centre Referendum Key Dates" from the Chief Election Officer/Corporate Officer, dated August 29, 2023, be received for information.***

STRATEGIC PRIORITY:

To Provide Good Governance

CULTURAL IMPACT STATEMENT:

N/A

PURPOSE:

To receive an update on the key dates for the upcoming 2023 Recreation Centre Referendum.

DISCUSSION:

The Loan Authorization (Recreation Centre Bylaw No. 2023-016 was submitted to the Inspector of Municipalities on June 27, 2023. The Inspector provided the required statutory approval of the bylaw on August 15, 2023. The *Local Government Act* requires that the Chief Election Officer set a General Voting Day to be on a Saturday within 80 of receiving such approval.

In accordance with the *Local Government Act* and the District's Election and Assent Voting Bylaw No. 2018-017, the Chief Election Officer has set the general voting day and advanced voting days as follows:

- General Voting Day – Saturday November 4, 2023
  - 8am – 8pm @ Arena Banquet Hall (8820 Jubilee Road E.)
- Advanced Voting Day 1 – Wednesday October 25, 2023
  - 8am – 8pm @ Arena Banquet Hall (8820 Jubilee Road E.)
- Advanced Voting Day 2 – Tuesday October 31, 2023
  - 8am – 8pm @ Arena Banquet Hall (8820 Jubilee Road E.)

BACKGROUND:

At the May 15, 2023 Regular (afternoon) Meeting of Council, Council resolved the following:

THAT staff be directed to conduct a Fall 2023 referendum for the Recreation Centre project for borrowing up to 50 million dollars.

At the June 26, 2023 Regular (evening) Meeting of Council, Council resolved the following:

THAT Loan Authorization (Recreation Centre) Bylaw No. 2023-016 receive first, second and third reading.

LEGISLATION and POLICY:

- *Local Government Act* – Part 4 "Assent Voting"
- *Community Charter*, s. 179 "Loan Authorization bylaws for long term borrowing"
- *Community Charter*, s. 180 "Electoral approval required for some loan authorization bylaws"
- Election and Assent Voting Bylaw No. 2018-017
- Loan Authorization (Recreation Centre) Bylaw No. 2023-016

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

N/A

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS:

N/A

CONCLUSION:

As the Loan Authorization Bylaw No. 2023-016 received statutory approval from the Inspector of Municipalities on August 15, 2023, the Chief Election Officer has set the advanced voting and general voting days in accordance with Provincial legislation and the appropriate District bylaws.

OPTIONS:

1. Move the motion as recommended by staff.
2. Refer to staff for other options.

Respectfully submitted,

Kendra Kinsley
Corporate Officer

Endorsed by,

Graham Statt
Chief Administrative Officer

Presentation: Yes ☐ No ☒