

**NANAIMO LADYSMITH PUBLIC SCHOOLS
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
ACTION SHEET**

DATE: April 27, 2022
TO: Board of Education
FROM: Mark Walsh, Secretary-Treasurer
SUBJECT: School Site Acquisition Charge Bylaw

Recommended Motion

That the Board of Education of School District No. 68 (Nanaimo-Ladysmith) approve the Amended School Site Acquisition Charge Bylaw to include the Town of Ladysmith and the Cowichan Valley Regional District.

Background

The purpose of this Action Sheet is for the Board to approve an Amended School Site Acquisition Charge Bylaw to add the Town of Ladysmith and the Cowichan Valley Regional District to the original Bylaw which the Board approved on March 25, 2022.

Recommendation 2 of the Long Range Facilities Plan recommends that the District institute a School Site Acquisition Charge (SSAC). The *Local Government Act* and *School Act* allow a district to request that a municipality or regional district institute a development charge to go towards the purchase of future school sites in areas of anticipated growth.

Discussion

At the Regular Board Meeting of January 26, 2022 the Board passed an SSAC Resolution for the Town of Ladysmith and the Cowichan Valley Regional District which allowed for a 60 day consultation period. The consultation period is now complete and both jurisdictions are in agreement with the implementation of an SSAC.

The Bylaw outlines the school site acquisition charges for each type of residential development. When the Bylaw is passed the appropriate Local Governments will be informed. They will then begin to collect funds which will be deposited into separate land capital reserve trust accounts, one for the north jurisdictions (City of Nanaimo, District of Lantzville and Regional District of Nanaimo) and one for the south jurisdictions (Town of Ladysmith and Cowichan Valley Regional District). The funds can only be used for the acquisition of eligible school sites and fees related to a site acquisition. The funds are intended to fund up to 35% of the cost of a site with the Ministry typically required to fund the remaining costs.

Appendix A: Amended School Site Acquisition Charge Bylaw