

NANAIMO LADYSMITH PUBLIC SCHOOLS

BUSINESS COMMITTEE PUBLIC MEETING

ACTION SHEET

DATE: June 9, 2021
TO: Business Committee
FROM: Secretary-Treasurer Mark Walsh
SUBJECT: Capital Plan Bylaw No. 2021/22-CPSD68-01

Recommendation:

The Business Committee recommends that that Board of Education of School District No. 68 (Nanaimo-Ladysmith) give all three readings of the Capital Bylaw No. 2021/22-CPSD68-01 in one meeting and adopt Capital Plan Bylaw No. 2021/22-CPSD68-01

Background:

As the Board is aware, a capital bylaw is required under the School Act (S. 143). It is non-financial in nature and, only one bylaw is required for all capital projects approved by the Ministry. The bylaw once adopted by the Board, authorizes the Secretary Treasurer to execute project and funding agreements related to the expenditures contemplated by the underlying capital plan.

The Capital Planning cycle consists of:

1. The Capital Plan preparation process starts in the spring with submissions due June 30th. During this period of time a lot of communication goes back and forth between our Facilities department and Capital Branch staff at the Ministry of Education. The Ministry of Education provided districts with a five-year Capital Plan intake spreadsheet and Capital Plan instructions in early spring.
2. The Capital Plan intake/submission process considers the following:

Minor Capital:

- a. School Enhancement (SEP)
- b. Carbon Neutral Capital (CNCP)
- c. Bus Acquisition (BUS)
- d. Playground Equipment (PEP)
- e. Building Envelope (BEP)

Major Capital:

- a. Additions (EXP)
- b. New Schools
- c. Site Acquisitions
- d. Replacements (REP)
- e. Demolitions
- f. Seismic Mitigation (SMP)

3. Before submitting the 5 year Capital Plan for approval, a Board must approve the proposed Capital Plan for its school district by resolution. This resolution must be provided to the Ministry as part of the submission process. At this stage, a bylaw is not required. The Board approved the 2021/2022 plan in June 2020, and the Secretary-Treasurer signed the resolution.
4. Ministry staff spend the summer and fall reviewing all 60 school district submissions and they provide approval for school district plans in the spring, at around the same time as the new year in take process commences.

To date, the Board has:

1. Approved the 2021/2022 5 year Capital Plan submitted to the Ministry of Education by resolution in June 2020.
2. Received the Response letter dated May 13, 2021, approving funded projects by the Ministry.

The adoption of the bylaw allows the Secretary-Treasurer to sign the funding agreement which will release funding from the Ministry to the school district for the approved capital items/projects. In essence, the adoption of the bylaw approves the 5 year capital plan as approved by the Ministry of Education and permits the Secretary-Treasurer to operationalize the projects approved.

Appendices:

Appendix A: 2021/2022 Capital Plan Response Letter dated May 13, 2021

Appendix B: 2021/2022 Annual Programs Funding Agreement

Appendix C: Capital Bylaw No. 2021/22-CPSD68-01

