

Public Notice

Notice of Alternative Approval Process (AAP)

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given in accordance with section 345 of the Local Government Act and sections 86 & 94 of the Community Charter that the Squamish-Lillooet Regional District (the “**SLRD**”) Board has proposed a new bylaw: SLRD Squamish Valley Agricultural Plan Service Establishing Bylaw No. 1946-2026 (the “**Bylaw**”). The participating areas of the Bylaw are District of Squamish and Electoral Area D (the “**Service Area**”).

The purpose of the Bylaw is to authorize the SLRD to requisition funds to support agricultural planning, coordination, and implementation activities that align with the objectives of the Squamish Valley Agricultural Plan, whether such activities are undertaken by SLRD, District of Squamish, external organization(s) or a combination thereof (the “**Service**”).

The Bylaw authorizes the SLRD to requisition annually up to the greater of \$75,000 or \$0.00483 per \$1,000 of net taxable assessed value of land and improvements in the Service Area (not including the provincial fee applicable to Electoral Area D). **The cost of the Service is borne by all taxable properties in the Service Area.**

Some maximum annual requisition scenarios for residential properties are noted below. (Scenarios for non-residential properties have not been developed because of the various tax rates for different property classes.)

For District of Squamish, the estimated taxation cost per \$1,000,000 of converted residential assessed value of land & improvements is \$3.85. This estimate is based on the 2026 Completed Assessment Roll and assumes a 10% residential property class taxation rate. Some residential property value scenarios for District of Squamish are below:

Scenarios for District of Squamish	
Average value of residential property	Estimated annual residential tax requisition
\$500,000	\$1.93
\$1,000,000	\$3.85
\$1,500,000	\$5.78

For Electoral Area D, the estimated taxation cost per \$1,000,000 of converted residential assessed value of land & improvements is \$3.85 (consistent with District of Squamish as noted above), but on top of this is the 5.25% fee charged by the Province for collecting electoral area taxes. Therefore, including the provincial fee, the estimated cost per \$1,000,000 of converted residential assessed value of land & improvements increases from \$3.85 to \$4.05. Some residential property value scenarios for Electoral Area D (including the provincial fee) are below:

Scenarios for Electoral Area D (including provincial fee)	
Average value of residential property	Estimated annual residential tax requisition
\$500,000	\$2.03
\$1,000,000	\$4.05
\$1,500,000	\$6.08

The SLRD Board is seeking participating area approval of electors in the Service Area by way of Alternative Approval Process (“**AAP**”). The number of eligible electors in the Service Area has been determined to be 22,976 and the number of elector responses required to prevent the SLRD Board from proceeding without the further assent of the electors is 2,297. **The deadline for elector responses for this AAP is 4:30 p.m. on April 27, 2026.** The SLRD Board may proceed with the Bylaw unless, by the deadline stated above, at least 10% (being 2,297) of the electors of the Service Area indicate that the SLRD Board must obtain approval by assent vote (referendum).

Elector responses must be submitted in the form established by the SLRD Board. Elector response forms are available on the SLRD website (www.slrld.bc.ca/inside-slrld/current-projects-initiatives/new-SVAP-service), at the SLRD office (1350 Aster St., Pemberton BC) and at District of Squamish Municipal Hall (37955 Second Ave., Squamish BC). The only persons entitled to sign the forms are electors of the Service Area.

For more information about Resident Elector and Non-Resident Property Elector qualifications as well as the AAP, please see the SLRD website (www.slrld.bc.ca/inside-slrld/current-projects-initiatives/new-SVAP-service) or contact Corporate Officer A. Belsham at (604) 894-6371 (ext. 240) or abelsham@slrd.bc.ca.

