

Notice to Electors within the Capital Regional District

Alternative approval process for Bylaw No. 4704 to establish a Performing Arts Facilities Service for all those municipalities making up the Capital Regional District, and the Southern Gulf Islands Electoral Area.

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Directors of the Capital Regional District ("CRD") proposes to adopt Bylaw No. 4704, "Performing Arts Facilities Service Establishing Bylaw No. 1, 2025". The proposed Performing Arts Facilities Service area applies to all those municipalities making up the Capital Regional District and the Southern Gulf Islands Electoral Area.

Bylaw No. 4704 would establish a new Performing Arts Facilities Service for the purpose of operating and funding regional performing arts facilities within the Capital Regional District. This includes planning, development, capital improvements, theatre rental subsidies, and operating costs. The funding, operating, equipping, and maintaining of the Royal Theatre and McPherson Playhouse services will transition to the new Performing Arts Facilities Service over time. The new service will also provide contributions to other performing arts facilities with regional impact.

The maximum amount that can be requisitioned annually for the service is three million dollars (\$3,000,000) or an amount equal to the amount that could be raised by a property value tax rate of \$0.0171 per one thousand dollars (\$1,000) of the net taxable value of the land and improvements within the service area.

Participating area approval for Bylaw No. 4704 will be obtained for the entire proposed Performing Arts Facilities Service area by Alternative Approval Process. The Alternative Approval Process applies to all electors in the **Southern Gulf Islands Electoral Area and all municipalities of the Capital Regional District, including Central Saanich, Colwood, Esquimalt, Highlands, Langford, Metchosin, North Saanich, Oak Bay, Saanich, Sidney, Sooke, Victoria, and View Royal.**

Please note that this synopsis of Bylaw No. 4704 is not intended to be or understood as an interpretation of the bylaw. A copy of the complete bylaw and this notice may be viewed at Capital Regional District offices located at 625 Fisgard Street, Victoria, BC from 8:30 am to 4:30 pm, Monday to Friday (excluding statutory holidays). The bylaw may also be viewed at www.crd.ca/theatres-aap.

Take further notice that the CRD may proceed with Bylaw No. 4704 unless at least 31,574 electors (constituting 10% of eligible electors), within the proposed Performing Arts Facilities Service area, object by signing the elector response form, that the Board must obtain the assent of the electors by way of an assent vote (referendum) before proceeding to adopt Bylaw No. 4704.

The elector response must be in the form as established by the CRD and is available from the CRD on request or from the CRD website at www.crd.ca/theatres-aap. The only persons entitled to sign elector response forms are electors of the area to which the alternative approval process opportunity applies. The alternative approval process applies to the electors in the **Southern Gulf Islands Electoral Area and all municipalities of the Capital Regional District, including Central Saanich, Colwood, Esquimalt, Highlands, Langford, Metchosin, North Saanich, Oak Bay, Saanich, Sidney, Sooke, Victoria, and View Royal.**

The deadline for submitting signed elector response forms, in relation to Bylaw No. 4704, to the CRD is **4:30 pm on Monday, March 30, 2026**. Forms must be received by the deadline to be counted. A copy of the elector response form may be downloaded from: www.crd.ca/theatres-aap.

To obtain an elector response form, or for questions about the alternative approval process, contact Legislative Services, 625 Fisgard Street, Victoria, BC, V8W 1R7, email legserv@crd.bc.ca, telephone 250.360.3642 or toll free 1.800.663.4425 from 8:30 am to 4:30 pm, Monday to Friday (excluding statutory holidays).

Questions regarding Bylaw No. 4704 may be directed to Chris Gilpin, Manager, Arts and Culture Support Service, 625 Fisgard Street, Victoria, BC, 250.360.3205, cgilpin@crd.bc.ca, from 8:30 am to 4:30 pm, Monday to Friday (excluding statutory holidays) from the date of this notice until March 30, 2026.

Qualifications for Resident and Non-Resident Property Electors

Resident Elector: You are entitled to submit an elector response form as a Resident Elector if you are 18 years or older on the date of submission of the elector response form, are a Canadian citizen, have resided in British Columbia for at least 6 months and currently reside in the proposed Performing Arts Facilities Service area (i.e. **Southern Gulf Islands Electoral Area, Central Saanich, Colwood, Esquimalt, Highlands, Langford, Metchosin, North Saanich, Oak Bay, Saanich, Sidney, Sooke, Victoria, and View Royal**) prior to signing the elector response form.

Non-Resident Property Elector: You may submit an elector response form as a Non-Resident Property Elector if you are 18 years or older on the date of submission of the elector response form, are a Canadian citizen, have resided in British Columbia for 6 months, have owned and held registered title to property in the proposed Performing Arts Facilities Service area (i.e. **Southern Gulf Islands Electoral Area, Central Saanich, Colwood, Esquimalt, Highlands, Langford, Metchosin, North Saanich, Oak Bay, Saanich, Sidney, Sooke, Victoria, and View Royal**) for 30 days and do NOT qualify as a Resident Elector. If there is more than one registered owner of the property (either as joint tenants or tenants in common) only one individual may, with the written consent of the majority, submit an elector response form.

Elector response forms, a copy of Bylaw No. 4704, and a copy of this Notice may be inspected during regular office hours, 8:30 am to 4:30 pm, Monday to Friday (excluding statutory holidays) from the date of this notice until **4:30 pm on Monday, March 30, 2026** at the following CRD locations:

- CRD Headquarters, 625 Fisgard Street, Victoria, BC
- on the CRD website: www.crd.ca/theatres-aap

Given under my hand at Victoria, BC this 17th day of February 2026.

Kristen Morley
Corporate Officer