



## City of Maple Ridge

**TO:** Her Worship Mayor Nicole Read  
and Members of Council  
**FROM:** Chief Administrative Officer  
**SUBJECT:** Alternative Approval Process Results & Loan Authorization Bylaws

**MEETING DATE:** March 27, 2018  
**FILE No:** 05-1825-02  
**MEETING:** Council Meeting

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### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

In September of 2017, Council approved a process to obtain electoral approval to borrow up to \$49.5 million. On February 19, 2018 public approval was attained. Council can now adopt the loan authorization bylaws so that they can be forwarded to the Province for approval. Once this is in place, the City may proceed with borrowing the approved funds, as and when required. In alignment with the City's purchasing policy, contract awards meeting value thresholds come to Council for approval.

### RECOMMENDATIONS:

That Maple Ridge Leisure Centre Renovation Loan Authorization Bylaw No. 7370-2017 be adopted, and;

That Telosky Stadium Synthetic Fields Loan Authorization Bylaw No. 7371-2017 be adopted; and

That Albion Community Centre Loan Authorization Bylaw No. 7372-2017 be adopted; and

That Silver Valley Neighbourhood Gathering Places Loan Authorization Bylaw No. 7373-2017 be adopted; and

That Hammond Community Centre Renovation Loan Authorization Bylaw No. 7374-2017 be adopted; and

That Whonnock Lake Canoe and Kayak Facility Improvements Loan Authorization Bylaw No.7375-2017 be adopted; and

That Maple Ridge Secondary School Track Facility Upgrades Loan Authorization Bylaw No. 7376-2017 be adopted; and

That Ice Sheet Addition Loan Authorization Bylaw No. 7377-2017 be adopted; and further,

That the Corporate Officer be directed to submit application for Certificates of Approval for Bylaw No. 7370-2017, Bylaw No. 7371-2017, Bylaw No. 7372-2017, Bylaw No. 7373-2017, Bylaw No. 7374-2017, Bylaw No. 7375-2017, Bylaw No. 7376-2017, and Bylaw No. 7377-2017 to the Inspector of Municipalities.

## **DISCUSSION:**

### **a) Background Context:**

The City has engaged the public at length over the past few years in relation to investments in park, recreation and cultural infrastructure. Council determined to move forward with projects worth an estimated \$55.5 million, for which \$49.5 million is required from borrowing. In order to borrow this funding, the City was required to obtain approval of the electorate.

Council identified the Alternative Approval Process as the preferred method of obtaining electoral approval in July 2016. In September 2017, Council approved an outline of the proposed process. On November 3, 2017, the City received approval from the Inspector of Municipalities to proceed.

The process included Council giving three readings to eight loan authorization bylaws to renovate and construct eight park and recreational amenities. The public opportunity to oppose any, some or all of the bylaws was advertised in the newspaper twice in the two weeks leading up to the public participation period, and on the web and social media sites, and elector response forms were made available at city hall, the leisure centre, and the library for thirty days.

The process for electoral opposition concluded on February 19, 2018, at which time the responses were tallied. Opposition for all projects fell short of the 10% threshold, and, therefore, electoral approval was attained.

For the City to proceed with the borrowing, Council must adopt each of the Loan Authorization Bylaws. Council will have further opportunity for decision-making as each individual project and contract award is put forward for approval.

### **b) Strategic Alignment:**

These investments in City infrastructure align with population growth, and are outlined in the Parks, Recreation and Cultural Master Plan. The loan authorizations are within the City's borrowing capacity as established by the Province, and a financial plan showing the impact on property tax increases has been established.

### **c) Citizen/Customer Implications:**

Provincial legislation regulating the Alternative Approval Process establishes electoral approval as less than 10% of eligible voters opposed, equivalent to 5,828 signatures, for each individual loan authorization bylaw. The number of signatures received for each project was:

- Maple Ridge Leisure Centre Renovation: 1,069 (1.8%)
- Telosky Stadium Synthetic Fields: 1,270 (2.2%)
- Albion Community Centre: 1,331 (2.3%)
- Silver Valley Neighbourhood Gathering Places: 1,508 (2.6%)
- Hammond Community Centre Renovation: 1,254 (2.2%)
- Whonnock lake Canoe and Kayak Facility Improvement: 1,320 (2.3%)
- Maple Ridge Secondary School Track Facility Upgrades: 1,244 (2.1%)
- Ice Sheet Addition: 1,501 (2.6%)

**CONCLUSIONS:**

Electoral approval for loan authorization bylaws to fund eight park and recreation projects has been attained. Council can now adopt the bylaws so that they can be forwarded to the Province for approval. In alignment with the City's purchasing policy, contract awards meeting value thresholds come before to Council for approval.

*Original signed by Laura Benson*

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Corporate Officer

*Original signed by Trevor Thompson*

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*Approved by:* Trevor Thompson, BBA, CPA, CGA  
Interim Director of Finance

*Original signed by Paul Gill*

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*Concurrence:* **Paul Gill, CPA, CGA**  
**Chief Administrative Officer**

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Attachments: Bylaw No. 7370-2017, Bylaw No. 7371-2017, Bylaw No. 7372-2017, Bylaw No. 7373-2017, Bylaw No. 7374-2017, Bylaw No. 7375-2017, Bylaw No. 7376-2017, and Bylaw No. 7377-2017

**CITY OF MAPLE RIDGE**

**BYLAW NO. 7370-2017**

A bylaw to authorize the borrowing of a portion of the estimated cost to renovate the Maple Ridge Leisure Centre

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**WHEREAS**, it is deemed desirable and expedient to renovate and improve the Maple Ridge Leisure Centre.

**AND WHEREAS** the sum of \$3,500,000 is the amount of debt intended to be borrowed by this bylaw;

**NOW THEREFORE**, the Council for the City of Maple Ridge enacts as follows:

1. The Council is hereby empowered and authorized to undertake and carry out or cause to be carried out the renovation and improvement of the Maple Ridge Leisure Centre generally in accordance with general plans on file in the municipal office and to do all things necessary in connection therewith and without limiting the generality of the foregoing:
  - a) To borrow upon the credit of the Municipality a sum not exceeding \$3,500,000.
  - b) To acquire all such real property, easements, rights-of-way, licenses, rights or authorities as may be requisite or desirable for or in connection with the renovation of the said Leisure Centre.
2. The maximum term for which debentures may be issued to secure the debt created by this bylaw is twenty-five years.
3. This bylaw may be cited as "Maple Ridge Leisure Centre Renovation Loan Authorization Bylaw No. 7370-2017."

**READ** a first time the 12<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2017.

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**RECEIVED** the approval of the electors of the City of Maple Ridge the 19<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2018.

**RECONSIDERED AND FINALLY PASSED AND ADOPTED** the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2018.

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**PRESIDING MEMBER**

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**CORPORATE OFFICER**

**CITY OF MAPLE RIDGE**

**BYLAW NO. 7371-2017**

A bylaw to authorize the borrowing of the estimated cost of constructing synthetic fields at Telosky Stadium

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**WHEREAS**, it is deemed desirable and expedient to construct synthetic fields at Telosky Stadium.

**AND WHEREAS** the sum of \$7,000,000 is the amount of debt intended to be borrowed by this bylaw;

**NOW THEREFORE**, the Council for the City of Maple Ridge enacts as follows:

1. The Council is hereby empowered and authorized to undertake and carry out or cause to be carried out the construction of synthetic fields at Telosky Stadium generally in accordance with general plans on file in the municipal office and to do all things necessary in connection therewith and without limiting the generality of the foregoing:
  - a) To borrow upon the credit of the Municipality a sum not exceeding \$7,000,000.
  - b) To acquire all such real property, easements, rights-of-way, licenses, rights or authorities as may be requisite or desirable for or in connection with the construction of said synthetic fields at Telosky Stadium.
2. The maximum term for which debentures may be issued to secure the debt created by this bylaw is twenty-five years.
3. This bylaw may be cited as "Telosky Stadium Synthetic Fields Loan Authorization Bylaw No. 7371-2017."

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**CITY OF MAPLE RIDGE**

**BYLAW NO. 7372-2017**

A bylaw to authorize the borrowing of the estimated cost of constructing the Albion Community Centre

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**WHEREAS**, it is deemed desirable and expedient to construct the Albion Community Centre.

**AND WHEREAS** the sum of \$8,500,000 is the amount of debt intended to be borrowed by this bylaw;

**NOW THEREFORE**, the Council for the City of Maple Ridge enacts as follows:

1. The Council is hereby empowered and authorized to undertake and carry out or cause to be carried out the construction of the Albion Community Centre generally in accordance with general plans on file in the municipal office and to do all things necessary in connection therewith and without limiting the generality of the foregoing:
  - a) To borrow upon the credit of the Municipality a sum not exceeding \$8,500,000.
  - b) To acquire all such real property, easements, rights-of-way, licenses, rights or authorities as may be requisite or desirable for or in connection with the construction of said Albion Community Centre.
2. The maximum term for which debentures may be issued to secure the debt created by this bylaw is twenty-five years.
3. This bylaw may be cited as “Albion Community Centre Loan Authorization Bylaw No. 7372-2017.”

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**CITY OF MAPLE RIDGE**

**BYLAW NO. 7373-2017**

A bylaw to authorize the borrowing of the estimated cost of constructing Silver Valley Neighbourhood Gathering Places

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**WHEREAS**, it is deemed desirable and expedient to construct Silver Valley Neighbourhood Gathering Places.

**AND WHEREAS** the sum of \$1,000,000 is the amount of debt intended to be borrowed by this bylaw;

**NOW THEREFORE**, the Council for the City of Maple Ridge enacts as follows:

1. The Council is hereby empowered and authorized to undertake and carry out or cause to be carried out the construction of Silver Valley Neighbourhood Gathering Places generally in accordance with general plans on file in the municipal office and to do all things necessary in connection therewith and without limiting the generality of the foregoing:
  - a) To borrow upon the credit of the Municipality a sum not exceeding \$1,000,000.
  - b) To acquire all such real property, easements, rights-of-way, licenses, rights or authorities as may be requisite or desirable for or in connection with the construction of said Silver Valley Neighbourhood Gathering Places.
2. The maximum term for which debentures may be issued to secure the debt created by this bylaw is twenty-five years.
3. This bylaw may be cited as "Silver Valley Neighbourhood Gathering Places Loan Authorization Bylaw No. 7373-2017".

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**PRESIDING MEMBER**

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**CORPORATE OFFICER**

**CITY OF MAPLE RIDGE**

**BYLAW NO. 7374-2017**

A bylaw to authorize the borrowing of the estimated cost to renovate the Hammond Community Centre

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**WHEREAS**, it is deemed desirable and expedient to renovate and improve the Hammond Community Centre.

**AND WHEREAS** the sum of \$2,500,000 is the amount of debt intended to be borrowed by this bylaw;

**NOW THEREFORE**, the Council for the City of Maple Ridge enacts as follows:

1. The Council is hereby empowered and authorized to undertake and carry out or cause to be carried out the renovation and improvement of the Hammond Community Centre generally in accordance with general plans on file in the municipal office and to do all things necessary in connection therewith and without limiting the generality of the foregoing:
  - a) To borrow upon the credit of the Municipality a sum not exceeding \$2,500,000.
  - b) To acquire all such real property, easements, rights-of-way, licenses, rights or authorities as may be requisite or desirable for or in connection with the renovation of said Hammond Community Centre.
2. The maximum term for which debentures may be issued to secure the debt created by this bylaw is twenty-five years.
3. This bylaw may be cited as "Hammond Community Centre Renovation Loan Authorization Bylaw No. 7374-2017".

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**CITY OF MAPLE RIDGE**

**BYLAW NO. 7375-2017**

A bylaw to authorize the borrowing of the estimated cost of improving the Whonnock Lake Canoe and Kayak Facility

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**WHEREAS**, it is deemed desirable and expedient to improving the Whonnock Lake Canoe and Kayak Facility.

**AND WHEREAS** the sum of \$1,000,000 is the amount of debt intended to be borrowed by this bylaw;

**NOW THEREFORE**, the Council for the City of Maple Ridge enacts as follows:

1. The Council is hereby empowered and authorized to undertake and carry out or cause to be carried out the improvement of the Whonnock Lake Canoe and Kayak Facility generally in accordance with general plans on file in the municipal office and to do all things necessary in connection therewith and without limiting the generality of the foregoing:
  - a) To borrow upon the credit of the Municipality a sum not exceeding \$1,000,000.
  - b) To acquire all such real property, easements, rights-of-way, licenses, rights or authorities as may be requisite or desirable for or in connection with the improvement of said Whonnock Lake Canoe and Kayak Facility.
2. The maximum term for which debentures may be issued to secure the debt created by this bylaw is twenty-five years.
3. This bylaw may be cited as "Whonnock Lake Canoe and Kayak Facility Improvement Loan Authorization Bylaw No. 7375-2017".

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**CITY OF MAPLE RIDGE**

**BYLAW NO. 7376-2017**

A bylaw to authorize the borrowing of the estimated cost of constructing the Maple Ridge Secondary Track Facility Upgrades

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**WHEREAS**, it is deemed desirable and expedient to upgrade the Maple Ridge Secondary Track Facility.

**AND WHEREAS** the sum of \$2,500,000 is the amount of debt intended to be borrowed by this bylaw;

**NOW THEREFORE**, the Council for the City of Maple Ridge enacts as follows:

1. The Council is hereby empowered and authorized to undertake and carry out or cause to be carried out the construction of the Maple Ridge Secondary Track Facility Upgrades generally in accordance with general plans on file in the municipal office and to do all things necessary in connection therewith and without limiting the generality of the foregoing:
  - a) To borrow upon the credit of the Municipality a sum not exceeding \$2,500,000.
  - b) To acquire all such real property, easements, rights-of-way, licenses, rights or authorities as may be requisite or desirable for or in connection with the construction of said Maple Ridge Secondary Track Facility.
2. The maximum term for which debentures may be issued to secure the debt created by this bylaw is twenty-five years.
3. This bylaw may be cited as "Maple Ridge Secondary Track Facility Upgrades Loan Authorization Bylaw No. 7376-2017".

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**CITY OF MAPLE RIDGE**

**BYLAW NO. 7377-2017**

A bylaw to authorize the borrowing of the estimated cost of adding an ice sheet

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**WHEREAS**, it is deemed desirable and expedient to add an ice sheet and associated improvements.

**AND WHEREAS** the sum of \$23,500,000 is the amount of debt intended to be borrowed by this bylaw;

**NOW THEREFORE**, the Council for the City of Maple Ridge in open meeting assembled, enacts as follows:

1. The Council is hereby empowered and authorized to undertake and carry out or cause to be carried out the addition of an ice sheet and associated improvements generally in accordance with general plans on file in the municipal office and to do all things necessary in connection therewith and without limiting the generality of the foregoing:
  - a) To borrow upon the credit of the Municipality a sum not exceeding \$23,500,000.
  - b) To acquire all such real property, easements, rights-of-way, licenses, rights or authorities as may be requisite or desirable for or in connection with the addition of said Ice Sheet and associated improvements.
2. The maximum term for which debentures may be issued to secure the debt created by this bylaw is twenty-five years.
3. This bylaw may be cited as "Ice Sheet Addition Loan Authorization Bylaw No. 7377-2017".

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