



Upper Clearwater Community Hall Grant In Aid Service Petition

May 2016

History

Since 2005, the TNRD has collected \$5,000 in taxes every year from property owners within a portion of Electoral Area "A" (Wells Gray Country) for the operation of the Upper Clearwater community hall. The grant-in-aid was established following a formal petition process carried out by the TNRD in 2004.

Two separate surveys have been distributed to property owners within the grant-in-aid service area to gauge the ongoing support for funding the community hall operation through property taxation. The responses from both surveys

have been very close with a slight majority favouring service elimination.

The most recent survey contained only one question: ***Would you like the Upper Clearwater Community Hall grant-in-aid service to be eliminated?***

In response to the survey question, 30 answered YES while 27 answered NO

Based on the survey results, the Board has authorized staff to carry out a public assent process through formal petition.

How the Petition Process Works

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In the same way that approval was required to establish and fund this service, approval is necessary for the elimination of the service. The Board of the Thompson-Nicola Regional District has selected the use of Petitions as the means of public assent.

- Petitions will be sent to owners of property located in the grant in aid service area.

- Property Owners will receive one petition ***for each property they own.***

- Properties owned in the names of individuals and businesses are all eligible to submit their petition if they want the grant-in-aid eliminated.

- If a property is not subject to property tax, that property owner will not receive a petition.

An opportunity to meet with TNRD Electoral Area "A" Director Carol Schaffer

DATE: Tuesday, May 17th
TIME: 6:30 PM
PLACE: Black Horse Saloon
5565 Clearwater Valley Rd, Upper Clearwater

TNRD staff will be on hand to discuss the petition process relating to the Upper Clearwater community hall grant-in-aid.



What to do if you want the Grant-in-aid ELIMINATED?

If you want the annual Upper Clearwater community hall grant-in-aid to be eliminated, sign each petition you receive (*one for each property you own*) and return them to the TNRD using the enclosed stamped envelope so that they are received at the TNRD office **by 12 Noon on Tuesday June 14, 2016**. Signed and scanned petitions may also be returned by email to cblack@tnrd.ca with the original returned by mail.

Determining Results

In order for the grant-in-aid to be eliminated, enough petitions must be signed and returned to the TNRD by the **12 noon, Tuesday June 14, 2016 deadline** to meet sufficiency requirements.

DETAILS OF AREA/PETITIONS	
Total # Parcels in Area	124
# Parcels Not Taxed	- 8
TOTAL # PETITIONS	116
TOTAL AREA ASSESSMENT	\$19,758,450

If the required number of petitions is received by the June 14th deadline, the petition will be certified as sufficient and a bylaw repealing the grant-in-aid service will be presented to the TNRD Board of Directors. The tax requisition for the grant-in-aid would then cease after 2016.

If the required number of petitions is not received by the deadline, the grant-in-aid will continue.

What to do if you want the Grant-in-aid to REMAIN IN PLACE?

If you want the Upper Clearwater community hall grant-in-aid to continue, do not sign your petition(s) and do not return them to the TNRD

**Please Read Your
Petition Carefully**

DETAILS FOR SUFFICIENCY	
Total # Petitions ÷ 2	58
Total Assessment ÷ 2	\$9,879,225

IMPORTANT NOTE FOR COMPLETION OF PETITIONS

1. If there are two owners of the property, both owners must sign the petition.
2. If there are more than two owners of the property, a majority of the registered property owners must sign the petition.

Privacy

*Returned petitions will be viewed only by the **TNRD Legislative Services staff** for the purpose of receipt by the TNRD and determination of results. **Individual results will not be released.** If you have any questions about collection, use or disclosure of personal information by the TNRD or your individual survey response, please contact the TNRD Corporate Officer.*

Questions?

Please feel free to contact Carolyn Black, Corporate Officer, at (250) 377-8673 (or 1-877-377-8673 toll free in BC) or by email at cblack@tnrd.ca if you have any questions and/or require further clarification regarding the public assent process. Information is also available on the TNRD website at www.tnrd.ca.