

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to section 86 of the *Community Charter*, the City of Kamloops Council is proposing to seek approval of the electors of the City of Kamloops by an Alternative Approval Process. The purpose of the Alternative Approval Process is to determine whether electors are opposed to the City of Kamloops Council adopting the proposed “Kamloops Centre for the Arts Loan Authorization Bylaw No. 57-1, 2024”.

The construction of the Kamloops Centre for the Arts was approved, with funding sources designated as fundraising, grants, existing funds, and Municipal Finance Authority debt funding. The estimated cost of the projects associated with this Bylaw is one hundred fifty-four million dollars (\$154,000,000).

The loan agreement with the Municipal Finance Authority will be for a term no longer than thirty (30) years. The total amount of debt intended to be borrowed by the Bylaw is one hundred forty million dollars (\$140,000,000), which would result in a twenty-five dollar (\$25) annual tax increase per household over five (5) years.

The Kamloops Centre for the Arts has been identified as a community need in strategic plans for almost two decades. This purpose-built facility could host events ranging from graduations to awards ceremonies to performing arts events.

The Kamloops Centre for the Arts has been prioritized as the first Build Kamloops project due to its advanced stage of readiness in both design and location. It would be constructed on City-owned land at 393 Seymour Street (the former Kamloops Daily News site) adjacent to Kelson Hall, which is the new home of Western Canada Theatre and Kamloops Symphony administrative and practice space.

Once completed, the Kamloops Centre for the Arts would be the first new theatre in the city since the Sagebrush Theatre opened in 1978. The facility would support the Tournament Capital program by providing non-competition space for awards ceremonies, cultural celebrations, and related events.

A copy of Bylaw No. 57-1, 2024, is available for public inspection at City Hall during regular business days between 8:00 am and 4:00 pm. For more information on all the facilities under the Build Kamloops program, please visit [Letstalk.Kamloops.ca/BuildKamloops](https://letstalk.kamloops.ca/buildkamloops).

For any questions, please contact:

Legislative Services Division

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INSTRUCTIONS

If you are **NOT opposed** to the adoption of Kamloops Centre for the Arts Loan Authorization Bylaw No. 57-1, **you do not need to do anything**.

If you are **OPPOSED** to the adoption of Kamloops Centre for the Arts Loan Authorization Bylaw No. 57-1, you may sign and submit an Elector Response Form indicating your opposition.

A person may not sign more than one Elector Response Form.

APPLICABLE AREA

The area to which the Alternative Approval Process applies is the entire area within the municipal boundaries of the City of Kamloops. Council may proceed with the adoption of Bylaw No. 57-1, 2024, unless before the deadline of **4:00 pm on Friday, September 13, 2024**, at least 10% of eligible electors submit a complete and signed Elector Response Form indicating that Council must obtain assent of the electors by a referendum vote before proceeding with the adoption of Bylaw No. 57-1, 2024.

For the purpose of this Alternative Approval Process, Council has determined that there are 87,131 eligible electors in the City of Kamloops. Council may, therefore, proceed with the adoption of Bylaw No. 57-1, 2024 unless at least 8,713 eligible electors submit a completed copy of an Elector Response Form to the City of Kamloops before the deadline of **4:00 pm on Friday, September 13, 2024**.

RESIDENTS AND NON-RESIDENT PROPERTY ELECTORS

In order to sign an Elector Response Form, a person must either be a resident elector or a non-resident property elector of the City of Kamloops. For the purposes of the Alternative Approval Process, an elector is a person who meets the qualifications referred to in Sections 65 or 66 of the *Local Government Act* if assent of the electors were sought, either as a resident elector or non-resident property elector.

To sign an Elector Response Form as a **resident elector** a person must:

- be a Canadian citizen;
- be at least 18 years of age;
- have lived in British Columbia for at least the last six (6) months before signing the Elector Response Form;
- reside within the municipal boundaries of the City of Kamloops;
- not be disqualified by the *Local Government Act* or any other enactment or otherwise disqualified by law from voting in local elections; and
- be entitled to sign the alternative approval process elector response form and not have previously signed an alternative approval process elector response form for the proposed Bylaw.

To sign an Elector Response Form as a **non-resident property elector**, a person must:

- be 18 years of age or older;
- be a Canadian citizen;
- have resided in British Columbia for at least six (6) months;
- be a non-resident property elector who lives in another community and have been the registered owner of real property within the municipal boundaries of the City of Kamloops for at least thirty (30) days;
- be the sole registered owner of the real property, or hold it with joint tenants or tenants in common, all of whom are individuals who do not hold the property in trust for a corporation or another trust;

- be the only individual claiming non-resident elector status with respect to the real property;
- have the written consent of the majority of the other property owners on the title to oppose this Bylaw if the elector is the registered owner of the real property with other individuals;
- If a corporation owns the property in part or in whole, NO Elector Response Form may be submitted;
- **There is NO Corporate vote;**
- not be disqualified by the *Local Government Act* or any other enactment or otherwise disqualified by law from voting in local elections; and
- be entitled to sign the alternative approval process elector response form and not have previously signed an alternative approval process elector response form for the proposed Bylaw.

ELECTOR RESPONSE FORM

An Elector Response Form must be in the form approved by the Council of the City of Kamloops or an accurate copy of the form, such as a photocopy. Elector Response Forms are available on the 1st Floor of City Hall, at 7 Victoria Street West, Kamloops, BC, V2C 1A2, between the hours of 8:00 am and 4:00 pm, on Monday to Friday, excluding statutory holidays. Elector Response Forms are also available on the City's websites: [Kamloops.ca/StatutoryNotices](https://www.kamloops.ca/StatutoryNotices) and [LetsTalk.Kamloops.ca/BuildKamloops](https://www.LetsTalk.Kamloops.ca/BuildKamloops)

The deadline for submitting an Elector Response Form is 4:00 pm on Friday, September 13, 2024.

An Elector Response Form must be fully completed (no initials in name) and hand-signed.

Completed Elector Response Forms may be submitted by:

- mailing them to Legislative Services, City Hall, 7 Victoria Street West, Kamloops, BC, V2C 1A2 (postmarks not accepted);
- dropping them off in person at City Hall between 8:00 am and 4:00 pm, Monday to Friday, except for statutory holidays;
- depositing them in the external drop box at City Hall; or
- emailing a scanned copy to legislate@kamloops.ca.

This notice is published in accordance with Sections 86 and 94 of the *Community Charter*.

DATED this 30th day of July, 2024

Denise Anderson
Acting Deputy Corporate Officer
City of Kamloops