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Heritage Park Museum Service Area Establishment

The Board of the Regional District of Kitimat-Stikine (RDKS) intends to establish a service area in order to contribute to the on-going cost of operating the Heritage Park Museum. Heritage Park Museum is located in Terrace and promotes the area's social, industrial, and economic history, the creativity and ingenuity of pioneer life in the region, and provides programs and events for local residents and visitors to the area. [Click here for information on the Heritage Park Museum.](#)

Currently, Electoral Area 'E' and a portion of Electoral Area 'C' residents contribute to the ongoing operation of the Museum through an annual grant-in-aid. The RDKS wishes to change the annual grant-in-aid to a Service Area funding model to provide an opportunity for rural Terrace area residents to determine support for this service. The Service Area includes Electoral Area 'E' (community of Thornhill), and a specified portion of Electoral Area 'C' (which includes an area westerly to the Exstew River, southerly to the south end of Lakelse Lake, easterly including Chindemash area to Ste. Croix Creek, and northerly to Goat Creek and the south end of Kitsumkalum Lake)

A map showing the proposed Service Area boundary may be viewed via the following link: [Service Area Map](#). The map can also be viewed at the RDKS office at 300-4545 Lazelle Ave. Terrace, B.C., Monday to Friday between the hours of 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., except statutory holidays.

The proposed cost to property owners within the Service Area is in accordance with the Local Government Act, and the maximum amount that may be requisitioned annually for the Service Area is \$40,000, or \$0.0259 per \$1,000 of net taxable land and improvements within the Service Area. For example, a property with a net taxable value of land and buildings of \$300,000 would pay \$8.18 annually, including fees charged by the Surveyor of Taxes.

In accordance with Section 86 of the *Community Charter*, the RDKS will seek approval by Alternative Approval Process (AAP) within the timeframe of June to August 2024. The AAP allows voters to indicate whether they are against a local government proposal moving forward. The process requires that 10% or more of eligible voters sign and submit official opposition forms (also called Elector Response Forms) against the proposed initiative. If this threshold is met, then the local government must proceed with a referendum (assent voting) before it can proceed with the proposal. More information is available at the links below.

If a resident supports the proposal, no action is required.



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Prior to the AAP process, the RDKS wants to hear from Area 'E' and 'C' residents regarding establishing the Heritage Park Museum Service Area, which is available using the button below. The survey will run until March 31, 2024 at 4:00 p.m.

[Take the Survey](#)

For more information, please view the following links:

- [Staff Report from December 15, 2023](#)
- [General Information regarding the Alternative Approval Process – Governance and Structure Branch](#)

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