



The Corporation of the District of Saanich

Report

To: Mayor and Council

From: Paul Arslan, Director of Finance

Date: October 31, 2024

Subject: MUNICIPAL FINANCE AUTHORITY BORROWING - 2025 SPRING ISSUE

RECOMMENDATIONS

That Council pass a resolution to authorize long-term borrowing under the Municipal Finance Authority's 2025 spring debt issue.

PURPOSE

The purpose of this report is to present a resolution for Council adoption authorizing borrowing through the Municipal Finance Authority (MFA) spring 2025 debt issue.

BACKGROUND

Under the Community Charter, the final step in acquiring long term debt is a resolution of Council requesting the Capital Regional District consent to the borrowing and authorizing the MFA to obtain the funds on our behalf.

DISCUSSION

Debt funding for the capital programs have been established in the 2021, 2022 and 2023 Financial Plan Bylaws. The Loan Authorization Bylaws adopted by Council for those capital programs can be exercised up to five years after adoption to reflect the multi-year nature of capital projects. As capital projects progress partial amounts are borrowed to fund those projects until the project is completed.

Debt financing costs on these loans are included in the Financial Plan Bylaw; there is no additional impact on property taxes or user rates.

RESOLUTION

That Council approves borrowing from the Municipal Finance Authority of British Columbia, as part of the 2025 Spring Issue, \$34,200,000 as authorized through the Loan Authorization Bylaws and over the terms specified in the table below and that the Capital Regional District be requested to consent to our borrowing and include the borrowing in a Security Issuing Bylaw.

Bylaw Number	Purpose	Amount of Borrowing Authorized	Amount Already Borrowed	Borrowing Authority Remaining	Term of Issue	Amount of Issue
9708	Sewer Capital Program	\$ 1,100,000	\$ 700,000	\$ 400,000	15	\$ 400,000
9767	Sewer Capital Program	800,000	-	800,000	15	800,000
9768	Drainage Capital Program	2,100,000	800,000	1,300,000	15	1,300,000
9770	Parks Capital Program	900,000	200,000	700,000	15	700,000
9899	Sewer Capital Program	600,000	-	600,000	15	600,000
9900	Drainage Capital Program	2,000,000	-	2,000,000	15	2,000,000
9901	Transportation Capital Program	3,400,000	-	3,400,000	15	3,400,000
9791	Property Acquisition	25,000,000	-	25,000,000	30	25,000,000
Total		35,900,000	1,700,000	34,200,000		34,200,000

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ADMINISTRATOR'S COMMENTS:

I endorse the recommendation from the Director of Finance.

Brent Reems, Chief Administrative Officer