



**DISTRICT
OF
SICAMOUS**

REPORT

TO: MAYOR AND COUNCIL
FROM: Alan L. Harris, CAO
DATE: January 13, 2010
SUBJECT: Petition Against Bylaw No. 775, 2009

RECOMMENDATION:

“THAT Council receive this Report.”

ISSUE and DISCUSSION:

As required by Section 213 of the *Community Charter* property owners within the Local Area Service proposed under the District of Sicamous Local Area Service – Sewer Collection Second Phase Bylaw No. 775, 2009 were given the ability to Petition Against / Object to the Local Service Area. The period to Petition / Objection period closed Friday January 8, 2010 with 115 properties officially objecting to the bylaw and therefore, the petition was not sufficient with respect to Section 213. Therefore, the bylaw and local area service can proceed. The following provides a summary of those objections received based on highlighted areas previously identified as potential phases within the local area service:

	Objections	%	Assessed Values	%
Phase 2	12	7.19	\$ 2,951,000	6.73
Phase 4	20 (*)	8.93 (*)	\$ 6,813,700	12.13
Phase 5	9	6.72	\$ 1,927,200	5.96
Phase 6	19	22.35	\$ 6,490,300	25.32
Phase 1B	13	14.61	\$ 4,851,000	16.28
2 Mile Subdivision	28	29.17	\$ 15,432,900	38.73
West Side of Channel (excluding CPR Hill)	14 (**)	35.9 (**)	\$ 9,408,300	39.82
Totals:	115 (***)	13.79 (***)	\$ 47,874,400	19.06

(*) 1 objection not valid as both owners did not sign the petition (if signed percentage would have been 9.82%)

(**) 2 objections not valid as on 1 petition both owners did not sign and on the other petition the other owners did not sign (if signed percentage would have been 46.15%)

(***) if all petitions were valid totals would have been 118 and 14.14%

Council following the information meeting held on December 16, 2009 requested that staff ask those individuals who petition against the service their reasons. Based on those individuals who provided responses while attending the office to sign the petition against or who provided comments on those petitions received by way of email or fax the following is a summary of the reasons given:

Cost and cost to connect	1
Cost	12
Parcel Tax – want to pay up front	3
Parcel Tax – everyone should pay the same	14
30 years to long	1
Septic just put in and to costly to change over	1

Just replaced septic	1
Septic is working	4
Mobile Home – do not own the pad (land)	1
Various reasons – see attached letters	9

At this time, staff recommends that this Report be received.

Respectfully submitted

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Attachments: