



## City of Fort St. John Pacific Northern Gas N.E. Ltd. Agreement Information Sheet

The Fort St. John City Council intends to adopt "Pacific Northern Gas N.E. Ltd. Franchise Agreement Bylaw No. 2529, 2021". The purpose of the bylaw is to enter into an agreement with Pacific Northern Gas (PNG) N.E. Ltd. to grant an exclusive or limited franchise for the provision of gas, electrical or other energy supply system for a term not exceeding 21 years. The previous franchise agreement between the City of Fort St. John and PNG expired on December 8, 2018. In 2017, negotiations began to renew the agreement but could not be finalized prior to the deadline. The City of Fort St. John currently has an interim agreement with PNG. PNG has been supplying natural gas to City residents since 1952 utilizing a franchise agreement.

A copy of the Pacific Northern Gas N.E. Ltd. Franchise Agreement Bylaw No. 2529, 2021 and a report summarizing the franchise agreement is available from City Hall during each business day of the week between 8:30 am and 4:30 pm. Additional information regarding the agreement can be viewed on the City's website at [www.fortstjohn.ca](http://www.fortstjohn.ca) or by contacting Bonnie McCue, Corporate Officer at (250) 787-5796 or by email at [legislativeservices@fortstjohn.ca](mailto:legislativeservices@fortstjohn.ca).

### **Additional Information About Elector Eligibility**

In order to sign an elector response form in relation to the alternative approval process, a person must either be a resident elector or a non-resident property elector.

A **resident elector** is an individual who is entitled to sign an elector response form during an AAP by virtue of living within that jurisdiction. When signing an elector response form, a resident elector must:

- be 18 years of age or older;
- be a Canadian citizen;
- have lived in British Columbia for at least six months;
- have lived in the jurisdiction (e.g. municipality or electoral area) for at least 30 days;
- live in the area defined for the AAP; and,
- not be disqualified under the Local Government Act, or any other enactment from voting in a local election, or be otherwise disqualified by law.

A **non-resident property elector** is an individual that does not live in a jurisdiction and who is entitled to sign an elector response form during an AAP by virtue of owning property in that jurisdiction. When signing an elector response form, a non-resident property elector must:

- be at least 18 years of age;
- be a Canadian citizen;
- have lived in British Columbia for at least six months;
- have owned property in the jurisdiction (e.g. municipality or electoral area) for at least 30 days;
- own property in the area defined for the AAP; and,
- not be disqualified under the Local Government Act, or any other enactment from voting in a local election, or be otherwise disqualified by law.

**Note:** Only one non-resident property elector may sign an elector response form per property, regardless of how many people own the property; and, that owner must have the written consent of a majority of the other property owner(s) to sign the response form on their behalf. **Property owned in whole or in part by a corporation does not qualify under the non-resident property elector provisions.**