

3 Nanaimo Suburbs Vote Bus Subsidy

Areas Pay One-Mill Tax Rate
To Cover 2-Year Operation

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NANAIMO — Three electoral areas voted Wednesday in favor of a two-year bus subsidy to Nanaimo Transit Ltd.

A fourth area rejected the subsidy, which required a 60-per-cent majority, and it will be without bus service after the next meeting of the Nanaimo regional district board.

The referendum was approved by 75.26 per cent in Departure Bay, which cast 146 yes and 48 no votes; by 71.1 per cent in Wellington, 126 to 51; by 62.2 per cent in Harewood, 207 to 123.

East Wellington cast only 16 yes to 60 no votes, carrying down Northfield, in the same electoral area, where 105 yes and 60 no votes were cast.

The three approving areas will pay the amounts to be raised by a one mill tax rate in 1969 to cover two years of operation, retroactive to last October.

Studies will be made in these areas to determine if the service should be maintained, increased or dropped.

Mrs. Ruth Thorpe, returning officer, said 954 ballots were cast from an eligible list of 7,274 property owners, a turnout of 13.1 per cent.