

MAIL BALLOT VOTING INFORMATION 2018 GENERAL LOCAL ELECTIONS AND SCHOOL ELECTIONS

1. WHO CAN VOTE BY MAIL?

On Saturday, October 20, 2018, from 8 am to 8 pm, the Regional District of East Kootenay (RDEK) will conduct general elections for:

- RDEK Electoral Area Directors,
- School Trustee – School District No. 5 – Trustee Electoral Area 4 (RDEK Electoral Area B), and
- School Trustees – School District No. 6 – Trustee Electoral Area 4 (Canal Flats & Area F) and Trustee Electoral Area 5 (Radium & Area G).

Electors may vote by mail if they:

- have a physical disability, illness or injury that affects their ability to vote at another voting opportunity, OR
- expect to be absent from the RDEK on general voting day and at the times of all advance voting opportunities.

2. WHO IS ELIGIBLE TO VOTE?

You are eligible to vote if you are registered as:

- a resident elector (i.e., you live in the RDEK electoral area or trustee electoral area), OR
- a non-resident property elector (i.e., you live elsewhere in BC but own property in the RDEK electoral area or trustee electoral area).

ELECTOR QUALIFICATIONS:

RESIDENT ELECTORS:

- 18 years of age or older on general voting day for the election; and
- a Canadian citizen; and
- a resident of British Columbia for at least 6 months immediately before the day of registration; and
- a resident of the specific RDEK electoral area or trustee electoral area for at least 30 days immediately before the day of registration; and
- not disqualified under the *Local Government Act* or any other enactment from voting in an election or otherwise disqualified by law.

NON-RESIDENT PROPERTY ELECTORS:

- 18 years of age or older on general voting day for the election; and
- a Canadian citizen; and
- a resident of British Columbia for at least 6 months immediately before the day of registration; and
- a registered owner of real property in the specific RDEK electoral area or trustee electoral area for at least 30 days immediately before the day of registration; and
- not entitled to register as a resident elector in the specific RDEK electoral area or any trustee electoral area of the school district; and
- the only persons who are registered owners of the real property, either as joint tenants or tenants in common, are individuals who are not holding the property in trust for a corporation or another trust; and
- not disqualified under the *Local Government Act*, *School Act* or any other enactment from voting in an election or otherwise disqualified by law; and
- **if there is more than one registered owner of the property, only one of those individuals may, with the written consent of the majority of the owners, register as a non-resident property elector.**

3. HOW DO YOU REGISTER TO VOTE?

You must register to be on the RDEK List of Electors, either in advance (until August 28) or at the time of filling in your ballot. If you missed the advance registration, an application form will be included in your mail ballot package.

If you wish to confirm that your name is on the RDEK List of Electors, or you want to register a change of name or address, contact the RDEK office at 250-489-2791 or toll free at 1-888-478-7335 or email elections@rdek.bc.ca.

4. REQUESTING A MAIL BALLOT PACKAGE

Before 4 pm on October 18, 2018 you must submit the following information to the RDEK office in Cranbrook (by mail, telephone, fax or email to elections@rdek.bc.ca):

- (1) Full name,
- (2) Residential address,
- (3) Address of the property in relation to which you are voting (for non-resident property electors),
- (4) Method of delivery of your mail ballot package:
 - (a) pick up at RDEK office in Cranbrook, OR
 - (b) regular lettermail through Canada Post to residential address, OR
 - (c) regular lettermail through Canada Post to an alternate address that you provide when requesting the ballot package,
- (5) If you are not on the list of electors, to ensure you receive the correct registration application form in your package, you must indicate whether you are going to be registering as a resident or non-resident property elector.

The RDEK will send out mail ballot packages commencing on or about September 24, 2018. To be counted for the election your mail ballot must be received by the Chief Election Officer or her designate no later than 8 pm on October 20, 2018. Specific voting places will be designated for drop-off of mail ballots on October 20th.

5. CONTACT INFORMATION

Shannon Moskal, Chief Election Officer
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