



KIMBERLEY RURAL FIRE PROTECTION SERVICE ASSENT VOTE

NOTICE OF ADVANCE ELECTOR REGISTRATION

Are you eligible to vote in the Kimberley Rural Fire Protection Service Assent Vote on October 26, 2024? Is your name on the current list of electors?

If you are not sure you can find out by visiting the Regional District of East Kootenay (RDEK) office at 19 – 24th Avenue South, Cranbrook, or by calling the Chief Election Officer at 250-489-2791, or by sending an email to elections@rdek.bc.ca. The office is open from 8:30am to 4:30pm, Monday to Friday (excluding statutory holidays).

Advance elector registrations will be accepted at the RDEK office in Cranbrook until **4:30pm on Friday, October 4, 2024**. Advanced registration will no longer be available after that date. Voting day registration will still be available.

ELECTOR QUALIFICATIONS

RESIDENT ELECTORS:

- 18 years of age or older on the day of registration; 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 Kimberley Rural Fire Protection Service 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 assent voting and not otherwise disqualified by law.

NON-RESIDENT PROPERTY ELECTORS:

- 18 years of age or older on the day of registration; 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 Kimberley Rural Fire Protection Service Area for at least 30 days immediately before the day of registration; and
- not entitled to register as a resident elector; and
- not disqualified under the *Local Government Act* or any other enactment from voting in an election or assent voting and not otherwise disqualified by law; and
- the only persons who are registered owners of the real property are individuals who are not holding the property in trust for a corporation or any other trust; 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.

NOTICE OF APPLICATIONS FOR SCRUTINEERS

On Saturday, October 26, 2024, qualified electors within the Kimberley Rural Fire Protection Service Area will be voting on the following question:

“Are you in favour of the Regional District of East Kootenay adopting Bylaw No. 3331 and Bylaw No. 3332 to:

- **establish the “Kimberley Rural Fire Protection Service” to provide fire protection to the rural Kimberley area within a portion of Electoral Areas C and E;**
- **borrow up to \$935,000 amortized over a maximum of 15 years to purchase a water tender and underground water tank for providing fire protection service, serving the Kimberley Rural Fire Protection Service; and**
- **annually requisition a maximum of \$1.75 per \$1,000 of the net taxable value of land and improvements to pay for the service?”**

Additionally, there will be one advanced voting day held on Wednesday, October 16, 2024.

Scrutineers for and against the question must be appointed if applications are received from persons who wish to volunteer for the positions. Only persons entitled to vote as electors in this assent voting opportunity are entitled to act as scrutineers. If sufficient applications are received, one scrutineer for and one scrutineer against the question will be appointed for each voting place. One scrutineer for the question and one scrutineer against the question will also be appointed to be present at the determination of the official results and, if necessary, at a judicial recount.

Applications to act as a scrutineer will be received by the Chief Election Officer at the RDEK office, 19 – 24th Avenue South, Cranbrook, during regular office hours during the period of:

9:00am, Wednesday, September 25, 2024 TO 4:00pm, Friday, October 4, 2024

Applications forms to act as a scrutineer are available at the RDEK office at 19 – 24th Avenue South, Cranbrook and may be requested in person, by calling 250-489-2791, or by email to elections@rdek.bc.ca.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION on these matters, the following persons may be contacted:

Tina Hlushak, Chief Election Officer or
Nikki Bradshaw, Deputy Chief Election Officer

Phone: 250-489-2791

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