



PEACE RIVER REGIONAL DISTRICT
NOTICE OF ASSENT VOTING
ELECTORAL AREA 'B' POTABLE WATER SERVICE

PUBLIC NOTICE is given to the electors within Electoral Area B of the Peace River Regional District that Assent Voting (referendum) will be held on the following question:

"Are you in favour of the Peace River Regional District Board adopting Electoral Area 'B' Potable Water Service Establishment Bylaw No. 2283, 2017, which will permit the Regional District to establish capital and operating reserve accounts to construct or upgrade potable water tank loader sites in various locations throughout Electoral Area B, at a maximum annual tax requisition limit that is the greater of \$1,025,000 (One Million and 25 Thousand Dollars) or \$0.3339 per \$1,000 calculated on the net taxable value of land and improvements and assessed on improvements only, AND adopting Electoral Area 'B' Potable Water Facilities Construction Loan Authorization Bylaw No. 2284, 2017 which authorizes the borrowing of up to \$4,000,000 to be repaid over a term of ten (10) years, for the purpose of upgrading and constructing potable water facilities in Electoral Area B?"

Note: The property tax limit of \$0.3339 per \$1,000 is an average of rates of all classes on land and improvements to determine the maximum amount that may be raised in any one year based on that year's net taxable assessment. The estimated residential tax rate is \$0.14 per \$1,000. The tax rate is applicable to improvements only.

VOTING DATES AND LOCATIONS

GENERAL VOTING: Saturday, June 24, 2017, from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. (local time) at:

Table with 2 columns: Location and Address. Lists various community halls and schools across the region.

ADVANCE VOTING:

Advance Voting Opportunities will be available between the hours of 8 a.m. and 8 p.m. (local time) on Wednesday June 14, 2017 and Wednesday, June 21, 2017; at the following locations:

Table with 2 columns: Location and Address. Lists the Peace River Regional District office at two different locations.

Note: All qualified electors may vote at an advance voting opportunity.

ELECTOR REGISTRATION

Elector Qualifications

There is no need to pre-register to vote as the registration of all electors will take place at the time of voting. You will be required to make a declaration that you meet the following requirements:

- Eighteen (18) years of age or older on voting day,
• Canadian citizen,
• resident of BC for at least six (6) months immediately before voting day,
• resident of OR registered owner of real property in the Potable Water Service Area (all of Area 'B') for at least 30 days before voting day, and
• not disqualified under the Local Government Act or any other enactment from voting in the assent voting and not otherwise disqualified by law.

Resident electors must produce 2 pieces of identification (at least one with a signature). Picture identification is not necessary. The identification must prove both residency and identity. If you own property in the Potable Water Service Area and live somewhere else in BC, you may be able to vote in this assent voting as a Non-resident property elector if you meet the elector qualifications.

Non-resident property electors must produce 2 pieces of identification (at least one with a signature) to prove identity, proof that they are entitled to register in relation to the property, and, if there is more than one owner, written consent from a majority of the property owners to the one owner voting. If voting as a Non-resident Property Elector, you are encouraged to contact the Chief Election Officer well in advance of voting day to ensure that all required information is submitted.

Special Voting Opportunity

Special Voting will be held Saturday, June 24, 2017 at the Fort St. John Hospital, 8407 112 Avenue, Fort St. John, BC, in the Callahan Room between 1:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.

The only electors who may vote at a Special Voting Opportunity are electors who are qualified under the Local Government Act and who have been admitted as patients or are employed at the above-noted health care facility.

NOTE: Pursuant to the Local Government Act, no corporation is entitled to be registered as an elector or have a representative registered as an elector and no corporation is entitled to vote.

SYNOPSIS OF PROPOSED BYLAWS

Bylaw No. 2283 - "Electoral Area "B" Potable Water Service Establishment Bylaw No. 2283, 2017". If adopted, this bylaw will establish a Local Service Area known as the "Electoral Area 'B' Potable Water Service" and permit the Peace River Regional District to establish capital reserve and operating accounts to improve existing potable water tank loader sites, build new potable water tank loader sites and to maintain and operate these sites in the future.

Service Area

The Service Area boundary is all of Electoral Area 'B'.

Bylaw No. 2284 - "Electoral Area 'B' Potable Water Facilities Construction Loan Authorization Bylaw No. 2284, 2017". In general terms, the intent of Bylaw No. 2284, 2017 is to authorize the borrowing of \$4,000,000 for the purpose of upgrading and constructing potable water facilities in Electoral Area 'B'. The maximum term for which debentures may be issued to secure the debt created by this bylaw is ten (10) years.

Tax Rate

The proposed maximum amount that may be requisitioned in any one year for the service, including loan payments, is the greater of \$1,025,000, or an amount equal to the amount that could be raised by a property value tax of \$0.3339/\$1,000 when applied to the net taxable value of land and improvements in the service area. Based on current 2017 assessment values, the estimated residential tax rate is \$0.14 per \$1,000 of assessed value of improvements (buildings). Land will not be taxed for this proposed service.

TAKE NOTICE that the above are synopses of proposed Bylaw No. 2283, 2017 and Bylaw No. 2284, 2017 and that these synopses are not intended to be and are not to be understood as an interpretation of the bylaws. The full bylaw may be inspected online at www.prrd.bc.ca, on Voting Day at the voting places, or at the following locations during regular business hours:

- Peace River Regional District office, 1981 Alaska Avenue, Dawson Creek, BC; and
Peace River Regional District office, 9505 100 Street, Fort St. John, BC.

For further information on the bylaw or the assent voting process, please call:
Tyra Henderson, Chief Election Officer tyra.henderson@prrd.bc.ca or
Trish Morgan, Deputy Chief Election Officer trish.morgan@prrd.bc.ca
(250-784-3200 or 1-800-670-7773)

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