

PEACE RIVER REGIONAL DISTRICT
NOTICE OF ASSENT VOTING

TATE CREEK COMMUNITY CENTRE SERVICE

PUBLIC NOTICE is given to the electors within the defined portion of Electoral Area 'D' 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 "Tate Creek Community Centre Establishment Bylaw No. 2291, 2017", which will permit the Regional District to establish capital reserve and operating accounts to provide financial support for the operation of the Tate Creek Community Centre, at a maximum annual tax requisition limit that is the greater of \$90,000 (Ninety Thousand Dollars) or \$0.61 per \$1,000 calculated on the net taxable value of land and improvements and assessed on improvements only?

Note: The property tax limit of \$0.61 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 for the first year is \$0.339 per \$1,000. The tax rate is applicable to improvements only.

VOTING DATES AND LOCATIONS

GENERAL VOTING: Saturday, September 9, 2017, from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. (local time) at:

<u>Location</u>	<u>Address</u>
Peace River Regional District office	1981 Alaska Avenue, Dawson Creek, BC
Tomslake Community Cultural Association	15392 Old Edmonton Highway, Tomslake, BC

ADVANCE VOTING:

Advance Voting Opportunities will be available between the hours of 8 a.m. and 8 p.m. (local time) on Wednesday August 30, 2017 and Wednesday, September 6, 2017; at the following location:

<u>Location</u>	<u>Address</u>
Peace River Regional District office	1981 Alaska Avenue, Dawson Creek, BC

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 Service Area 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 Tate Creek Community Centre 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 Friday, September 8, 2017 at the Dawson Creek and District Hospital, 11100 13 Street, Dawson Creek, BC, between 1:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. (local time).

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.

SYNOPSIS OF PROPOSED BYLAW

"Tate Creek Community Centre Service Establishment Bylaw No. 2291, 2017". If adopted, this bylaw will establish a Local Service Area known as the "Defined Portion of Electoral Area 'D'" and permit the Peace River Regional District to establish capital reserve and operating accounts for the purpose of providing financial assistance to operate a community centre in Tate Creek at 15439 Old Edmonton Highway which offers recreational, cultural, and educational programming to residents.

Service Area

The Tate Creek Community Centre Service Area boundary is a defined portion of Electoral Area 'D' as shown on the attached map.

Tax Rate

The proposed maximum amount that may be requisitioned in any one year for the service, is the greater of \$90,000, or an amount equal to the amount that could be raised by a property value tax of \$0.61/\$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 \$0.339 per \$1,000 of assessed value of improvements (buildings). Land will not be taxed for this proposed service.

TAKE NOTICE that the above is a synopsis of proposed Bylaw No. 2291, 2017 and that the synopsis is not intended to be and is not to be understood as an interpretation of the bylaw. The full bylaw may be inspected online at www.prrd.bc.ca, on Voting Day at the voting places, or at the following location during regular business hours:

Peace River Regional District office, 1981 Alaska Avenue, Dawson Creek, 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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