



KIMBERLEY RURAL FIRE PROTECTION

Public Information Meeting

October 1, 2024

A grayscale photograph of the Kimberley Fire Department Station. The building is a single-story structure with a light-colored stucco finish and a stone base. It features a central entrance door, a small window to the left, and three large, multi-paned garage doors on the right. A sign above the entrance reads "KIMBERLEY FIRE DEPARTMENT STATION" and "2000 SUSSEX STREET". The sky is cloudy.

SERVICE OVERVIEW

Kimberley Rural FPA - Proposed Service Area

With renewed interest in establishing a Fire Protection Area (FPA) for Wycliffe and St. Mary Lake Rd areas, the RDEK in consultation with the City of Kimberley began exploring potential service area options.

- **13km road boundary – from the Marysville Fire Hall**
- **Guidelines/Standards from Fire Underwriters Society (FUS) and National Fire Protection Association (NFPA)**
- **Insurance coverage**
- **Discussions with Kimberley Fire Department**

Proposed Fire Service

What does this service include?

- **Fire Protection/ Suppression:**
Structure fires, fire/smoke alarms, vehicle fires, BBQ fires, wildland fires.
- **Mutual Aid – Agreement with Cranbrook Fire to support in significant events**

What is NOT included?

- **First Responder (medical)**

Kimberley Rural FPA - Equipment

What equipment is needed to provide fire service?

Water Tender

- *Service cannot start without this*
- Request for Proposal (RFP) for a tender
- Delivery time dependent on companies that bid.
 - Averaging 6-18months

Underground Water Tank

- *Not immediately required to start service*
- Location TBD
 - Needs to be accessible
 - Reasonably central

Kimberley Rural FPA – **Successful**

If **successful**,
what's next?

- **Post the RFP for the water tender**
- **Determine underground tank location**
- **Finalize the Service Agreement between RDEK and City of Kimberley**

Kimberley Rural FPA - **Unsuccessful**

If **unsuccessful**,
then what?

- No service will be established – the area will remain unprotected
- Planning and discussions for the proposed FPA will cease

A grayscale photograph of the Kimberley Fire Department building, a single-story structure with a stone base and large glass windows. A sign on the building reads "KIMBERLEY FIRE DEPARTMENT" and "1900 20th St".

WHAT WILL IT COST?

Service costs and tax impacts

CAPITAL COSTS

Water Tender	\$825,250
Underground Tank	<u>100,000</u>
	\$925,250
MFA Debt Reserve	<u>9,750</u>
Amount to Borrow	\$935,000

BUDGET COMPARISON YEAR 1 & 10

Service Costs	Year 1	Year 10
Service Establishment Costs	\$ 13,000	\$ 0
Fire Service Contract (City of Kimberley)	140,000	182,668
Salaries, Insurance & Overhead	5,500	3,713
Debenture Payments (15 years @ est 4.61% interest)	89,092	89,092
Equipment Reserve	0	0
Estimated Budget	\$247,592	\$275,473
Provincial Collection Fee (5.25%)	13,408	14,527
ESTIMATED TAXATION	\$261,000	\$290,000

ASSESSMENT INFORMATION

- **Total service area assessed value \$165,993,350**
- **Number of taxable properties 329**
- **Average Residential Property Value \$504,539**

TAXATION

	Millrate/\$1,000 of Assessed Value	Tax on Average Residential Property Value \$504,539
Year 1	\$1.57	\$863 (\$310 is for debenture payments)
Year 10	\$1.75	\$959
Bylaw Maximum	\$1.75	\$959

YEAR 1 TAXATION - BY ASSESSMENT LEVELS

Assessed Value	Year 1	Year 10
\$ 200,000	\$ 314	\$ 349
400,000	629	699
600,000	943	1,048
800,000	1,258	1,398
1,000,000	1,572	1,747
1,250,000	1,965	2,184
1,500,000	2,359	2,621
1,750,000	2,752	3,057
2,000,000	3,145	3,494

TAXATION MAY BE PHASED IN

- **Initial taxation could be phased in over two or more years depending on:**
 - When the fire service begins
 - Timing of debenture

What Happens if “Yes” Vote

- **Procurement and Board approval for purchase of water tender and underground tank**
- **Recalculate amount to borrow**
- **Determine timing of debenture (depends on delivery date of water tender)**
- **Security Issuing Bylaw to Board for borrowing (not to exceed \$935,000)**
- **Prepare the 2025 – 2029 Financial Plan**
- **Set up for taxation starting in 2025**

What Happens if “No” Vote

- **Establishment costs will be charged to Electoral Area Administration Service.**

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THE ASSENT VOTE

Voting information and elector eligibility

What is Assent Voting?

Assent voting is used to obtain the approval of the electors so the RDEK Board may proceed with bylaws required under the *Local Government Act*.

- **Bylaw No. 3331 – Kimberley Rural Fire Protection Service Establishment**
- **Bylaw No. 3332 – Kimberley Rural Fire Protection Service Loan Authorization**

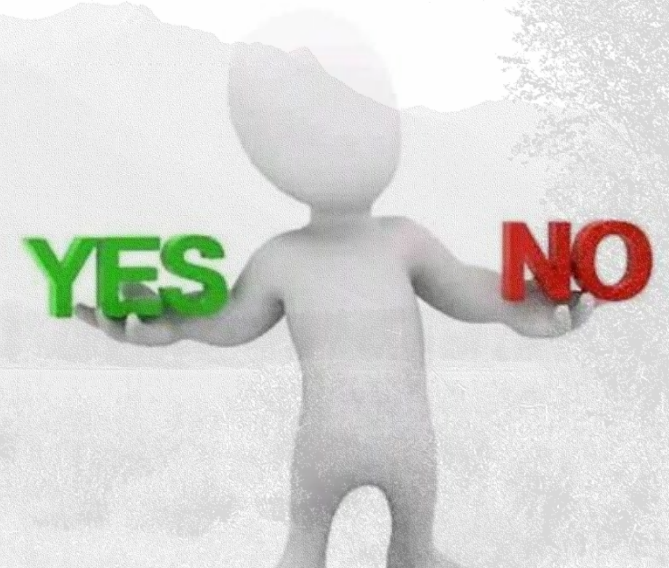
**Who is an
elector?**

A person qualified
to vote.

What is the Voting Question?

“Are you in favour of the RDEK 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?”



Who May Vote?

A person must meet the following qualifications to vote in an assent vote:

- 18 years of age or older on voting day; and
- Canadian citizen; and
- resident of BC for at least 6 months immediately before the day of registration; and
- resident of OR 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 disqualified under the *Local Government Act* or any other enactment from voting in the assent voting and not otherwise disqualified by law.

What is “real property”?

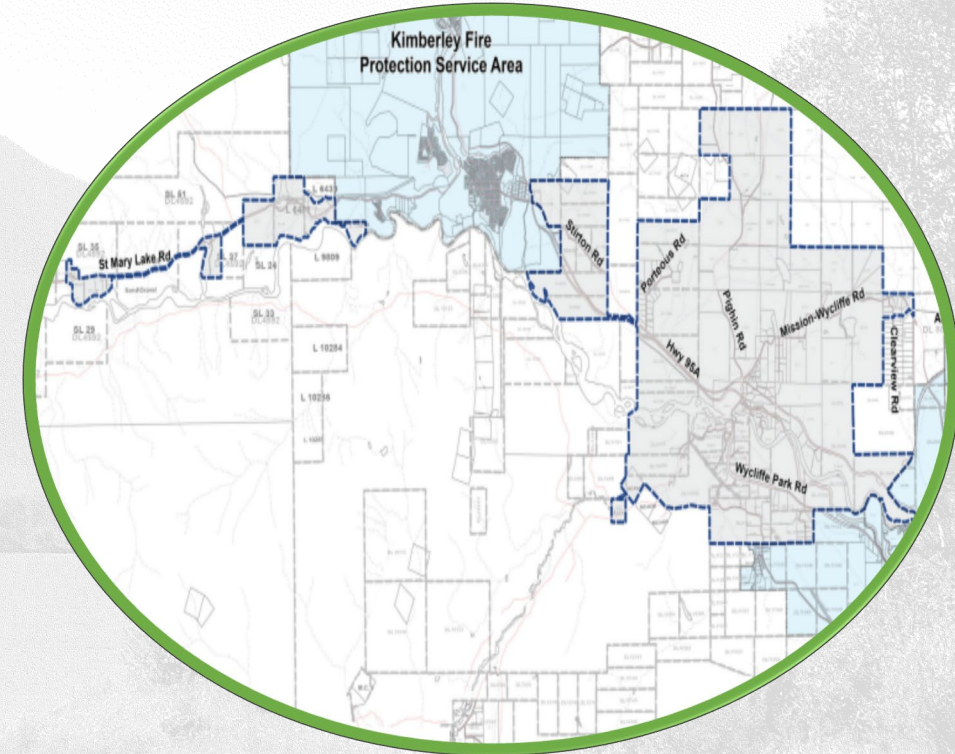
Land with or without improvements.

Resident Elector

Resident elector, is a person who lives in the proposed service area.

How to determine residency:

- **a person is a resident of the area where the person lives and to which, whenever absent, the person intends to return.**
- **a person does not change the area in which the person is a resident until the person has a new area in which the person is a resident.**
- **a person does not cease being a resident of an area by leaving the area for temporary purposes only, such as for school or for work purposes.**



Non-Resident Elector

Non-Resident elector, is a person who owns property in the proposed service area but lives elsewhere in BC.

Restrictions:

- a person can register only for one parcel of real property in the service area, even if they own more property in the area.
- if there is more than one owner of the property, only one of those individuals may, with the consent of the majority of the owners, register as a non-resident property elector.
- 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.



Where are the Voting Locations?

ADVANCE VOTING

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 16

8:00 am to 8:00 pm

RDEK, Board Room, Cranbrook

GENERAL VOTING

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 26

8:00 am to 8:00 pm

RDEK, Board Room, Cranbrook

MAIL BALLOT VOTING

Last day to request mail ballot: THURSDAY, OCTOBER 24 @ 4PM

Deadline to receive mail ballot: SATURDAY, OCTOBER 26 @ 8PM

What's Next?

October 26 @ 8pm – ballot count and preliminary assent vote results.

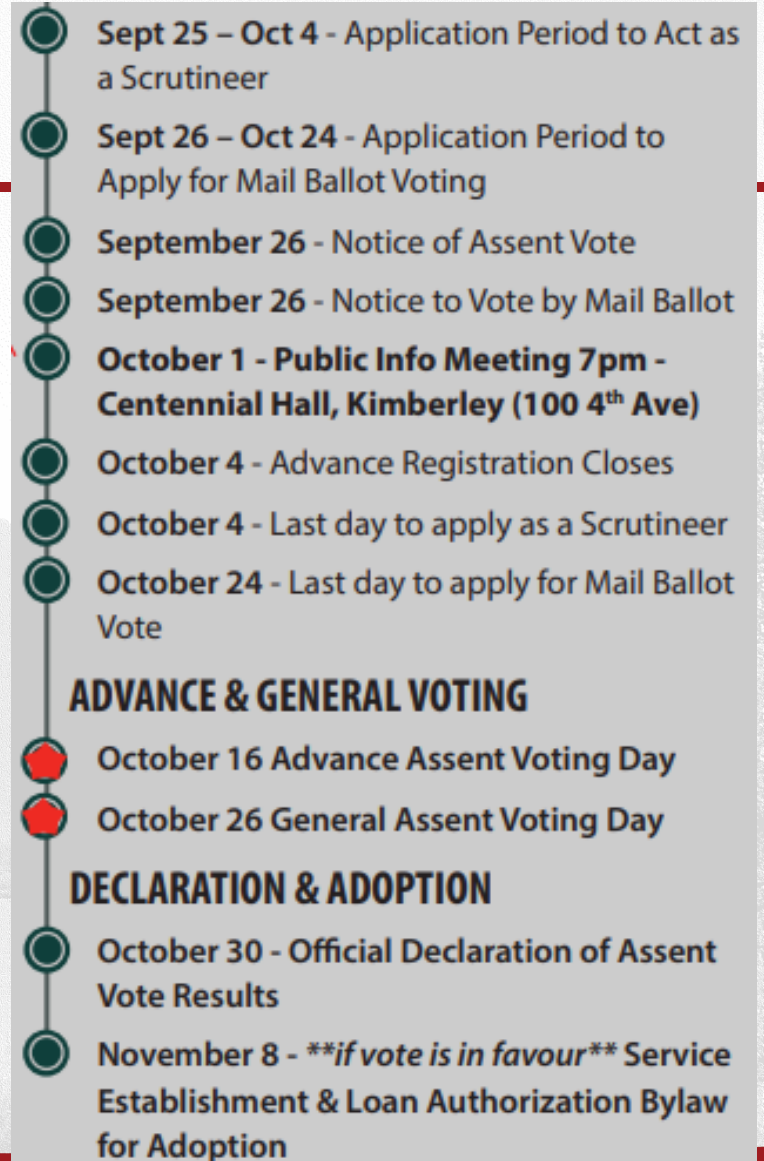
October 30 @ 1pm – declaration of official assent vote results.

Passing Vote:

- Bylaw No. 3331 & Bylaw No. 3332 are forward to the November 8, 2024, RDEK Board of Directors meeting for adoption.

Failed Vote:

- Report to the November 8, 2024, RDEK Board of Directors advising of the assent vote results and the project ceases.



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2900-304TH ST.

QUESTIONS

A photograph of the Kimberley Fire Department Station 2 building, a single-story structure with a stone base and large glass windows. The building is partially obscured by a semi-transparent grey overlay. A sign on the building reads "KIMBERLEY FIRE DEPARTMENT STATION 2".

To learn more:

<https://engage.rdek.bc.ca/kimberleyruralfire>

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