



NOTICE OF ASSENT VOTING

KIMBERLEY RURAL FIRE PROTECTION SERVICE VOTE

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY given to qualified electors within the Kimberley Rural Fire Protection Service Area that a vote will be held 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?”**

VOTING DATES AND LOCATIONS

ADVANCE VOTING:

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 16, 2024

8:00 am to 8:00 pm

Regional District of East Kootenay, Board Room
19 – 24 Avenue, S., Cranbrook

GENERAL VOTING:

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 26, 2024

8:00 am to 8:00 pm

Regional District of East Kootenay, Board Room
19 – 24 Avenue, S., Cranbrook

ELECTOR REGISTRATION

Advance Elector Registration will be accepted at the RDEK office in Cranbrook until **4:30pm on Friday, October 4, 2024**. After that date, **if you are not on the list of electors**, you may register at the time of voting by completing the required application form available at the voting place. To register you must meet the following qualifications:

- 18 years of age or older on voting day; and
- Canadian citizen; and
- resident of British Columbia for at least 6 months immediately before the day of registration; and
- resident of OR registered owner of real property (land) 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.

To register, 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.

To register, 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 of the property, **written consent** from a majority of the property owners.

MAIL BALLOT VOTING

Voting by mail is open to any elector who wishes to vote by mail. To request a mail ballot package, you must submit the following information to the RDEK office in Cranbrook by mail (19-24th Ave. S., Cranbrook BC V1C 3H8), telephone (250-489-2791), or email (elections@rdek.bc.ca), **before 4 pm on October 24, 2024**:

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) sending the mail ballot package by Canada Post; OR
 - (b) having the mail ballot package picked up by the person at a designated time and location, OR
 - (c) having the mail ballot package picked up by an authorized person at a designated time and location.
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 26, 2024. To be counted, your mail ballot must be received by the Chief Election Officer or her designate no later than 8 pm on October 26, 2024. More detailed information about mail ballot voting is available at <https://engage.rdek.bc.ca/kimberleyruralfire>

SYNOPSIS OF PROPOSED BYLAWS

BYLAW NO. 3331 – “Regional District of East Kootenay – Kimberley Rural Fire Protection Service Establishment Bylaw No. 3331, 2024” – This Bylaw will establish a service to provide fire protection to the rural Kimberley area within a portion of Electoral Areas C and E. Costs for fire protection services would be recovered by a property tax on all land and improvements within the Service Area. The maximum that can be charged under the proposed bylaw is \$1.75 per \$1,000 of taxable assessed value.

BYLAW NO. 3332 – “Regional District of East Kootenay – Kimberley Rural Fire Protection Service Loan Authorization Bylaw No. 3332, 2024” – This Bylaw will authorize the borrowing of \$935,000 amortized over 15 years to purchase a water tender and underground water tank for providing fire protection service to the Kimberley Rural Fire Protection Service Area.

TAKE NOTICE that the above is a synopsis of the proposed Bylaws and that this synopsis is not intended to be and is not to be understood as an interpretation of the Bylaws. Full copies of the Bylaws and the service area map may be inspected at the RDEK office, 19 – 24th Avenue South, Cranbrook BC, during regular office hours, 8:30 am to 4:30 pm, Monday to Friday, excluding statutory holidays, and at <https://engage.rdek.bc.ca/kimberleyruralfire>

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION on these matters, please contact Tina Hlushak, Chief Election Officer, or Nikki Bradshaw, Deputy Chief Election Officer, at 250-489-2791, toll-free at 1-888-478-7335, or elections@rdek.bc.ca.