

Elector Response Form – Alternative Approval Process

Squamish-Lillooet Regional District Pemberton and District Recreation Contribution Service Establishing Bylaw No. 1784-2022

The Squamish-Lillooet Regional District (the "SLRD") has proposed a new bylaw: Squamish-Lillooet Regional District Pemberton and District Recreation Contribution Service Establishing Bylaw No. 1784-2022 (the "**Proposed Bylaw**"). The participating area of the Proposed Bylaw is the entirety of Electoral Area C (the "**Proposed Service Area**"). The purpose of the Proposed Bylaw is to establish a financial contribution service for the Village of Pemberton to provide recreation services (the "**Proposed Service**") to the Proposed Service Area.

The Proposed Bylaw authorizes the SLRD to requisition up to the greater of \$600,000 or \$0.4919 per \$1,000 of net taxable assessed value of land and improvements in the Proposed Service Area. The SLRD is required to add a mandatory provincial fee of 5.25% to the stated rate per \$1,000, this coming to \$0.4919 + 5.25% = \$0.5177 per \$1,000. Therefore, the cost of the Proposed Service is to be borne by all taxable properties in the Proposed Service Area at a maximum annual tax requisition rate estimated as follows for residential properties:

Estimated maximum annual taxation (based on \$0.5177 per \$1,000)		
Property value (residential)	Rate per \$1,000	Annual tax requisition
\$100,000	\$0.5177	\$51.77
\$500,000	\$0.5177	\$258.85
\$1,000,000	\$0.5177	\$517.70

Please choose one [please mark with an "x" or otherwise]:

I am a resident elector of the Proposed Service Area (i.e. Electoral Area C) (please see eligibility requirements on the following pages)

-OR-

I am a non-resident elector who lives in another BC community but I own property in the Proposed Service Area (i.e. Electoral Area C) having an address of [please insert address of property in relation to which you are entitled to register as a non-resident property elector] (please see eligibility requirements on the following pages)

By completing this elector response form, **I OPPOSE** the Board's intention to adopt the Proposed Bylaw unless the assent of the electors in an assent voting proceeding (referendum) is obtained.

Print <u>full</u> name of elector: Signature of elector: Residential address of elector:

For this elector response form to be counted, it must be <u>received</u> by the Corporate Officer no later than **4:30 p.m. on June 12, 2023** in any <u>one</u> of the following ways:

- In person at 1350 Aster Street 2nd Floor, Pemberton, BC (Monday to Friday 8:00 AM to 4:30 PM, excluding statutory holidays);
- Via mail to: Box 219, Pemberton, BC, V0N 2L0;
- Via fax at: 604-894-6526; or
- Via email attachment to info@slrd.bc.ca with the subject heading: "Elector Response"

Postmarks will not be accepted as the date of receipt by the SLRD. If submitting this form to the SLRD by facsimile, please ensure that the transmission was completed. Responsibility for receipt of elector response forms in accordance with these instructions lies with the elector.

The Board may proceed with the adoption of the Proposed Bylaw unless <u>302</u> electors sign and submit a completed copy of this elector response form to the SLRD by the deadline of 4:30 p.m. on June 12, 2023.

[PLEASE NOTE: The current recreation service is authorized by Pemberton / Area C Community Recreation Local Service Establishment Bylaw No. 646, 1997 ("Bylaw No. 646") with two participating areas (Electoral Area C & Village of Pemberton) and is currently being managed and operated by the Village of Pemberton pursuant to a 6-year agreement between the SLRD and the Village of Pemberton. With continued growth in the Village of Pemberton as well as the majority of recreation assets being located within Village boundaries, the Board has directed that a proposed reorganization of the recreation service be undertaken on the basis that, upon completion of the reorganization, the intended total taxation from Electoral Area C is to remain consistent with the total taxation from Electoral Area C that occurred under Bylaw No. 646. A first step in the reorganization process is consideration of the Proposed Bylaw; the purpose of the Proposed Bylaw is for Electoral Area C to provide a financial contribution to the Village of Pemberton for providing recreation services to Electoral Area C on a long-term basis. The reorganization of the recreation service is intended to result in total taxation occurring under two bylaws instead of under one bylaw, with the two bylaws being: (1) the Proposed Bylaw - for recreation services to be delivered by the Village of Pemberton; and (2) Bylaw No. 646 - for recreation services limited to the (a) operating costs of Gates Lake Community Park; and (b) continuing debt obligations (until fully repaid in 2032) of the current recreation service. If the Proposed Bylaw is approved by the electors of Electoral Area C and adopted by the Board, the total taxation from Electoral Area C combined under the Proposed Bylaw and Bylaw No. 646 is intended to remain consistent with taxation that occurred under Bylaw No. 646. A second step in the reorganization process is consideration of an amendment of Bylaw No. 646 for the purpose of reducing the stated maximum annual tax requisition amount as the stated maximum annual tax requisition amount will be higher than needed. This bylaw amendment process requires the consent of the Electoral Area C Director and the Village of Pemberton Council and would be initiated after the Board adopts the Proposed Bylaw.]

Eligibility Requirements

Resident Electors (section 65 of the Local Government Act):

- 1. I am 18 years of age or older;
- 2. I am a Canadian citizen;
- 3. I have been a resident of British Columbia for at least 6 months immediately before signing this elector response form in accordance with section 67 of the *Local Government Act*;
- 4. I am a resident of the Proposed Service Area as determined in accordance with section 67 of the *Local Government Act*;
- 5. I am not disqualified from voting under the *Local Government Act* or any other enactment or otherwise disqualified by law from voting.

Non-Resident Property Electors (section 66 of the Local Government Act)

- 1. I am 18 years of age or older;
- 2. I am a Canadian citizen;
- 3. I have been a resident of British Columbia for at least 6 months immediately before signing this elector response form in accordance with section 67 of the *Local Government Act*;
- 4. I am not entitled to vote as a resident elector in the Proposed Service Area (see definition in Notice of Alternative Approval Process form) for purposes of this matter;
- 5. I have been a registered owner of real property in the Proposed Service Area for at least 30 days before signing this elector response form;
- 6. I acknowledge that I may sign only one elector response form, regardless of the number of properties that I own in the Proposed Service Area;
- 7. I acknowledge that if there is more than one individual who is the registered owner of the property, only one of the individual owners may sign this elector response form in relation to the property, provided the non-resident property elector has the written consent of the number of individuals who, together with the person signing this elector response form, constitute a majority of the registered owners of the property (written consent must be attached, if applicable; this Consent form is available on the SLRD website here: www.slrd.bc.ca/Pemberton&DistrictRecServices
- 8. I acknowledge that the only persons who are registered owners of the real property are individuals who do not hold the property in trust for a corporation or another trust;
- 9. I am not disqualified from voting under the *Local Government Act* or any other enactment or otherwise disqualified by law from voting.

Selected Excerpts from the Local Government Act:

Resident electors

- **65** (1) In order to be registered as a resident elector of ... [an] electoral area, a person must meet all the following requirements on the day of registration:
 - (a) the person must be
 - (i) an individual who is 18 years of age or older on the day of registration, or
 - (ii) if an election is in progress for the ... electoral area, an individual who will be 18 years of age or older on general voting day for the election;
 - (b) the person must be a Canadian citizen;
 - (c) the person must have been a resident of British Columbia, as determined in accordance with section 67 [rules for determining residence], for at least 6 months immediately before the day of registration;
 - (d) the person must be a resident of the ... electoral area, as determined in accordance with section 67;
 - (e) the person must not be disqualified under this or any other enactment from voting in an election or be otherwise disqualified by law.

Non-resident property electors

- **66** (1) In order to be registered as a non-resident property elector of ... [an] electoral area, a person must meet all the following requirements on the day of registration:
 - (a) the person must not be entitled to register as a resident elector of the ... electoral area;
 - (b) the person must be
 - (i) an individual who is 18 years of age or older on the day of registration, or
 - (ii) if an election is in progress for the ... electoral area, an individual who will be 18 years of age or older on general voting day for the election;

- (c) the person must be a Canadian citizen;
- (d) the person must have been a resident of British Columbia, as determined in accordance with section 67, for at least 6 months immediately before the day of registration;
- (e) the person must have been a registered owner of real property in the ... electoral area for at least 30 days immediately before the day of registration;
- (f) the only persons who are registered owners of the real property, either as joint tenants or tenants in common, are individuals who are not holding the property in trust for a corporation or another trust;
- (g) the person must not be disqualified under this Act or any other enactment from voting in an election or be otherwise disqualified by law.
- (2) A person may register as a non-resident property elector only in relation to one parcel of real property in [an] electoral area.

...

- (4) For the purposes of this section, the registered owner of real property means whichever of the following is applicable:
 - (a) the owner of a registered estate in fee simple of the property, unless another person holds an interest in the property referred to in paragraph (b), (c) or (d);
 - (b) the holder of the last registered agreement for sale, unless another person holds an interest in the property referred to in paragraph (c) or (d);
 - (c) the tenant for life under a registered life interest in the property, unless another person holds an interest in the property referred to in paragraph (d);
 - (d) the holder of a registered lease of the property for a term of at least 99 years.
- (5) If there is more than one individual who is the registered owner of real property, either as joint tenants or tenants in common, only one of those individuals may register as a non-resident property elector under this section in relation to the real property.
- (6) If the land title registration of the real property in relation to which a person is registering under this section indicates that there is more than one individual who is the registered owner of the real property, the person registering must do so with the written consent of the number of those individuals who, together with the person registering, are a majority of those individuals.
- (7) A registered owner who has consented to the registration of another registered owner of the property may withdraw the consent by delivering a written withdrawal to the ... regional district.
- (8) Once a withdrawal of consent has been delivered in accordance with subsection (7), the person registered as the non-resident property elector in relation to the property ceases to be entitled to be registered and vote as such if the number of individuals referred to in subsection (6) falls below a majority of the registered owners, with this effective
 - (a) for the next election, in the case of a withdrawal delivered at least 52 days before general voting day for the election, and
 - (b) following the next election, in the case of a withdrawal delivered less than 52 days before general voting day for the election.

Rules for determining residence

- **67** (1) The following rules apply to determine the area in which a person is a resident:
 - (a) a person is a resident of the area where the person lives and to which, whenever absent, the person intends to return;
 - (b) a person may be the resident of only one area at a time for the purposes of this *Part;*
 - (c) 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;
 - (d) a person does not cease being a resident of an area by leaving the area for temporary purposes only.
 - (2) As an exception to subsection (1), if
 - (a) a person establishes for the purposes of attending an educational institution a new area in which the person is a resident, and
 - (b) the new area is away from the usual area in which the person is a resident,

the person may choose for the purposes of this Part either the usual area or the new area as the area in which the person is a resident.

Disgualification to Vote

- **64** (2) The following persons are disqualified from voting at an election:
 - (a) a person who has not completed the sentence for an indictable offence, unless the person is released on probation or parole and is not in custody;
 - (b) a person who is involuntarily confined to a psychiatric or other institution as a result of being acquitted of or found not criminally responsible for an offence under the <u>Criminal Code</u> on account of mental disorder;
 - (c) a person who has contravened section 161 (3) [accepting inducements to vote] in relation to the election.