

# **Elector Eligibility**

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")

Pursuant to section 339(1)(b) of the *Local Government Act*, 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.

To be eligible to sign an elector response form, a person must meet the qualifications of section 65 (resident elector) or section 66 (non-resident property elector) of the *Local Government Act* as follows:

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

To sign an elector response form as a **resident elector**, a person must meet all of the following qualifications:

- Be 18 years of age or older; and
- Be a Canadian citizen; and
- Have been a resident of British Columbia for at least 6 months immediately before signing the elector response form in accordance with section 67 of the Local Government Act; and
- Be a resident of Electoral Area C as determined in accordance with section 67 of the Local Government Act; and
- Not be disqualified from voting under the *Local Government Act* [section 64(2)] or any other enactment or otherwise disqualified by law from voting.

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

To sign an elector response form as a **non-resident property elector**, a person must meet all of the following qualifications:

- Not be entitled to vote as a resident elector in the Electoral Area C; and
- Be 18 years of age or older; and
- Be a Canadian citizen; and
- Have been a resident of British Columbia for at least 6 months immediately before signing the elector response form in accordance with section 67 of the Local Government Act; and
- Have been a registered owner of real property in Electoral Area C for at least 30 days

before signing the elector response form; and

- 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; and
- Not be disqualified from voting under the *Local Government Act* [section 64(2)] or any other enactment or otherwise disqualified by law from voting.

A person may only sign one elector response form as a non-resident property elector, regardless of the number of properties owned in Electoral Area C.

If there is more than one individual who is the registered owner of the property, only one of the individual owners may sign the 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 the elector response form, constitute a majority of the registered owners of the property (written consent if applicable must be submitted with the completed Elector Response Form - this Consent form is available on the SLRD website here: www.slrd.bc.ca/Pemberton&DistrictRecServices)

## <u>Determination of Residence</u>

According to section 67(1) of the *Local Government Act*, the following applies to determine residence:

- A person is a resident of the area where the person lives and to which, whenever absent, the person intends to return;
- A person may be the resident of only one area at a time for the purposes of this Part;
- 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.

### Disqualification to Vote

According to section 64(2) of the *Local Government Act*, the following persons are disqualified to vote:

- 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;
- 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</u> <u>Code</u> on account of mental disorder;
- A person who has contravened section 161 (3) [accepting inducements to vote] in relation to the election.