



# SQUAMISH - LILLOOET REGIONAL DISTRICT

## ASSENT VOTE - BRALORNE WASTEWATER TREATMENT SYSTEM MAIL BALLOT VOTING INFORMATION

### 1. WHO CAN VOTE BY MAIL

On Saturday January 26, 2019 from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m., the Squamish-Lillooet Regional District (SLRD) will hold an assent vote for qualified electors within the Bralorne Sewer Service Area regarding the following question:

*Are you in favour of the Squamish-Lillooet Regional District adopting the following proposed bylaws:*

- 1. Squamish-Lillooet Regional District Bralorne Wastewater Treatment System Loan Authorization Bylaw No. 1595-2018, which will permit the borrowing of up to \$700,000 for the purpose of completing the construction of the new wastewater treatment system in the Bralorne Sewer Service Area (the associated estimated annual debt servicing costs will be \$38,750 and recovered via tax requisition as set out below); and*
- 2. Bralorne Sewer System Local Service Conversion and Establishment Bylaw No. 585, 1995, Amendment Bylaw No. 1594-2018, which will permit an increase of \$38,750 to the maximum annual tax requisition amount, which is estimated to be \$429.31 per parcel (and is in addition to the existing maximum annual tax requisition of \$346.22 per parcel resulting in a total annual estimated tax requisition of \$775.53 per parcel.)*

In addition to the January 26, 2019 voting day, there will be advance voting days as follows:

- January 16, 2019: Gold Bridge Community Club, 699 Gun Lake Road, Gold Bridge, B.C.
- January 21, 2019: Pemberton & District Community Centre, 7390 Cottonwood Street, Pemberton, B.C.

The following electors are permitted to vote by mail ballot:

- Those persons who have a physical disability, illness or injury that affects their ability to vote on January 26, 2019 and on the advance voting days; and
- Those persons who expect to be absent from the SLRD on January 26, 2019 and on the advance voting days.

*Please note:*

- *It is your responsibility to:*

- *decide (from the options set out in section 5 below) how to deliver your completed mail ballot package back to the Chief Election Officer; and*
  - *ensure your completed mail ballot package is delivered back to the Chief Election Officer on or before January 26, 2019 bearing in mind the information set out in section 5 below; and*
  - *pay the cost of returning your completed mail ballot package to the Chief Election Officer (i.e. affixing sufficient postage or pre-paying the courier costs, etc.).*
- *Mail and courier delivery times may vary depending on your location.*
  - *The SLRD is not responsible for mail or courier delivery times nor for delays or stoppages due to postal strikes or other events.*

## **2. WHO IS ELIGIBLE TO VOTE**

You are allowed to vote if you are:

- a resident elector (i.e. you live in the Bralorne Sewer Service Area); OR
- a non-resident property elector (i.e. you live elsewhere in British Columbia but you own property in the Bralorne Sewer Service Area).

### **ELECTOR QUALIFICATIONS:**

#### **RESIDENT ELECTORS:**

- 18 years of age or older on January 26, 2019; and
- a Canadian citizen; and
- a resident of BC for at least 6 months immediately before the voting day; and
- a resident of the Bralorne Sewer Service Area for at least 30 days immediately before the voting day; and
- not disqualified under the *Local Government Act*, or any other enactment from voting in an election/assent vote or otherwise disqualified by law.

#### **NON-RESIDENT PROPERTY ELECTORS:**

- 18 years of age or older on January 26, 2019; and
- a Canadian citizen; and
- a resident of BC for at least 6 months immediately before the voting day; and
- a registered owner of real property in the Bralorne Sewer Service Area for at least 30 days immediately before the voting day; and
- not entitled to register as a resident elector; and

- 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; and
- not disqualified under the *Local Government Act* or any other enactment from voting in an election/assent vote or otherwise disqualified by law; and
- if there is more than one registered owner of the property, only one of those individuals may, with the written consent of the majority of the owners, register as a non-resident property elector.

### 3. **HOW TO REGISTER TO VOTE**

In the SLRD, a person registers as an elector at the time of voting. Therefore, an elector registration application form will be included in your mail ballot package.

### 4. **HOW TO REQUEST A MAIL BALLOT PACKAGE**

To request a mail ballot package, you must submit in writing (by hand, mail, fax to (604) 894-6526, or by email to [kclark@slrd.bc.ca](mailto:kclark@slrd.bc.ca)) the following information to the SLRD office between Wednesday January 9, 2019 at 8:00 a.m. and Thursday January 24, 2019 at 4:00 p.m.:

- (1) Your full name;
- (2) Your residential address;
- (3) For non-resident property electors, the address of the property in relation to which you are voting;
- (4) Of the following choices, how you would like your mail ballot package to be provided to you:
  - (a) pick up at the SLRD office (1350 Aster Street, Pemberton, BC);
  - (b) regular lettermail through Canada Post to your residential address;
  - (c) regular lettermail through Canada Post to an alternate address that you provide when requesting the ballot package;
- (5) To ensure you receive the correct registration application form in your package, you must indicate whether you are going to register as a resident elector or as a non-resident property elector.

You may use the Request for Mail Ballot document that is available on the SLRD website (<https://www.slrd.bc.ca>) or you may provide the above information in your own format.

The SLRD will send out (or make available for pick up at the SLRD office) mail ballot packages commencing on Wednesday January 16, 2019 at 8:00 a.m. until Thursday January 24, 2019 at 4:00 p.m. (bearing in mind the deadline for returning your completed mail ballot package is Saturday January 26, 2019 at 8:00 p.m. – please see below for more details).

Due to the short turnaround time to have mail ballots returned, please request your mail ballot package as early as possible to allow adequate time to receive it and then to complete and return it by hand, by mail or by courier.

## 5. HOW TO RETURN A COMPLETED MAIL BALLOT PACKAGE

Completed mail ballot packages must be returned to the Chief Election Officer by 8:00 p.m. on Saturday January 26, 2019. Ballots received after this time will not be counted.

Your completed mail ballot package can be returned in any of the following ways:

- by hand (you may have someone else hand deliver your completed mail ballot package on your behalf).
- by regular or registered mail; or
- by pre-paid courier (note: the SLRD will not accept anything that has been sent “Collect on Delivery”);

You must consider the following information when deciding how and when to return your completed mail ballot package:

DELIVERY METHOD & LOCATION	DEADLINE (DATE & TIME)
By hand to the SLRD office (1350 Aster Street, Pemberton, BC)	Friday January 25, 2019 at 4:30 p.m.
By pre-paid courier to the SLRD office (1350 Aster Street, Pemberton, BC)	Friday January 25, 2019 at 4:30 p.m. <i>(**there is no Saturday courier delivery in Pemberton**)</i>
By regular or registered mail	Saturday January 26, 2019 at noon.  <b>** Mail will be picked up at the post office prior to the post office's close of business at noon and except for the purpose of accepting mail ballot packages, the SLRD Office will be closed on January 26, 2019**</b>
By hand to the Gold Bridge Community Club (699 Gun Lake Road, Gold Bridge BC) on January 26, 2019 ONLY  <b>** Completed mail ballot packages cannot be returned by hand to any other location on January 26, 2019**</b>	Saturday January 26, 2019 at 8:00 p.m.

## 6. KEY DATES

Please note the following key dates for voting by mail ballot:

<b>Date &amp; Time</b>	<b>Event</b>
Wednesday January 9, 2019 at 8:00 a.m.	First day for electors make written requests for mail ballot packages.
Wednesday January 16, 2019 at 8:00 a.m.	First day for the SLRD to send out mail ballot packages (or make them available for pickup) to electors who have made written request for them.
Thursday January 24, 2019 at 4:00 p.m.	Deadline for electors to make written request for mail ballot packages.
Friday January 25, 2019 at 4:30 p.m.	Deadline for electors to return completed mail ballot packages <u>by hand or by courier</u> at the SLRD office
Saturday January 26, 2019 at noon.	Deadline for electors to return completed mail ballot packages <u>by regular or registered mail</u> to the SLRD office
Saturday January 26, 2019 at 8:00 p.m.	Deadline for electors to return completed mail ballot packages <u>by hand</u> at the Gold Bridge Community Club (699 Gun Lake Road, Gold Bridge BC)  <b>** Completed mail ballot packages cannot be returned by hand to any other location on January 26, 2019 **</b>

## 7. CONTACT INFORMATION

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