

## **District of Invermere Notice to Electors of an Alternative Approval Process**

This notice is the (first/second) of two notices to advise electors in the District of Invermere of the intention to adopt "Loan Authorization Bylaw No. 1557, 2019". The purpose of the bylaw is to borrow an amount not to exceed \$5,000,000 to finance the purchase of the Lake Windermere Resort lands that will be repaid over a period not to exceed 25 years. It is estimated that the borrowing will result in a tax increase for the average residential property of \$103.84 per year. A copy of Bylaw 1557, 2019 and background information are available from the local government's offices during each business day of the week between 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.

The Council proposes to borrow the money and undertake the land purchase unless, by 4:30 p.m. (local time) on April 15<sup>th</sup>, 2019, at least 10 percent of the electors in the municipality sign an elector response form opposing the implementation of the proposal.

The number of elector responses required to prevent the local government from proceeding unless a vote is held is estimated to be 239. A report respecting the basis on which this determination was made and is available upon request from the local government.

Elector responses are required to be submitted to the local government on forms that can be obtained during regular business hours from the District of Invermere offices. The form can also be downloaded from the District of Invermere's website at: [www.invermere.net](http://www.invermere.net). The only elector response forms that will be accepted by the local government are the ones provided by the District of Invermere, or an accurate copy of the form.

Only electors of the District of Invermere are eligible to sign the elector response forms. There are two types of electors – resident electors and non-resident property electors.

**Resident Elector:** *When signing* an elector response form during an AAP, a resident elector must: be 18 years of age or older; be a Canadian citizen; have lived in British Columbia for at least six months; have lived in the jurisdiction for at least 30 days; live in the area defined for the AAP; and, not be disqualified under the *Local Government Act*, or any other enactment from voting in a local election, or be otherwise disqualified by law.

**Non-resident Property Elector:** *When signing* an elector response form during an AAP, a non-resident property elector must: be at least 18 years of age; be a Canadian citizen; have lived in British Columbia for at least six months; have owned property in the jurisdiction for at least 30 days; own property in the area defined for the AAP; and, not be disqualified under the *Local Government Act*, or any other enactment from voting in a local election, or be otherwise disqualified by law.

**Note:** *Only one non-resident property elector may sign an elector response form per property, regardless of how many people own the property; and, that owner must have the written consent of a majority of the other property owner(s) to sign the response form on their behalf. Property owned in whole or in part by a corporation does not qualify under the non-resident property elector provisions.*

Resident electors signing the elector response form must provide their name and address. Non-resident property electors must provide their name and the address of the property in relation to which they are entitled to register as a non-resident property elector. The local government will not share the information on the form with anyone other than the Corporate

Officer, or other person designated by the Corporate Officer. All forms being submitted must show proof of residency in the form of a drivers licence, a health service card, or a BC ID.

For more information on elector qualifications, please contact the District of Invermere or see the *Voter's Guide to Local Government Elections in B.C.*, available from the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing or online at:

<https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/governments/local-governments/governance-powers/general-local-elections/voter-eligibility-voting>

Further information about the *proposal* and Bylaw 1557, 2019 will be available during our two public meetings to be held at 7:00 p.m. on March 20<sup>th</sup> and March 27<sup>th</sup> at the Columbia Valley Centre.

For further information please contact the District of Invermere at: phone: 250-342-9281 fax: 250-342-2934 or email: [info@invermere.net](mailto:info@invermere.net).