



REGIONAL DISTRICT OF NORTH OKANAGAN

9848 Aberdeen Road
Coldstream, BC V1B 2K9

NOTICE TO ELECTORS OF AN ALTERNATIVE APPROVAL PROCESS ELECTORAL AREA “F” MOSQUITO CONTROL SERVICE ESTABLISHMENT

This notice is to advise electors within Electoral Area “F” of the intention to adopt *Electoral Area “F” Mosquito Control Service Establishment Bylaw No. 2973, 2023*. The purpose of the bylaw is to establish a service to provide a mosquito control to the residents of Electoral Area “F”, with a focus on mosquito breeding sites along the Shuswap River near the communities of Kingfisher, Ashton Creek, Grindrod and Mara.

The service will be established with a maximum annual tax requisition of \$289,000, or \$0.17 per \$1,000 of taxable land and improvements, whichever is greater. Based on an average residential assessment of approximately \$591,000 in 2023 and the maximum tax requisition, the average residential tax impact will be approximately \$99.95 per year, starting in 2024.

The intent of the program identified through the Pest Management Plan (PMP) is for a contractor to apply the biological controls outlined in the PMP to mosquito larval habitats within areas of the Shuswap River floodplain, beginning in 2024 to help prevent the spread of mosquitoes.

A copy of Bylaw No. 2973, and a summary of the proposal is available from the Regional District office located at 9848 Aberdeen Road, Coldstream, BC during each business day between 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. or on our website at www.rdno.ca.

The Board of Directors proposes to adopt the ***Electoral Area “F” Mosquito Control Service Establishment Bylaw No. 2973*** unless by Monday, December 18, 2023 at 4:00 p.m., at least 10% (percent) of the electors in Electoral Area “F” sign, and submit, an Elector Response Form **opposing** the adoption of ***Electoral Area “F” Mosquito Control Service Establishment Bylaw No. 2973***, unless the Board holds a vote (referendum). The number of Elector Responses required to prevent the Board from proceeding unless a vote is held is estimated to be 388. A report respecting the basis on which this determination was made is available upon request from the RDNO.

Elector Response Forms (ERF’s) are required to be submitted to the RDNO on forms that can be obtained during regular business hours from the RDNO located at 9848 Aberdeen Road, Coldstream, BC or downloaded from our website at www.rdno.ca. The only ERF’s that will be accepted by the RDNO are the ones provided by the RDNO or an accurate copy of the form.

The only persons entitled to sign the Elector Response Forms are qualified electors within Electoral Area “F” to which this Alternative Approval Process applies. There are two (2) types of electors:

1. A **resident elector** is an individual who is qualified to vote in a jurisdiction by virtue of **living (residing)** in the jurisdiction. Resident electors signing the elector response form **must** provide their name and address. To sign an Elector Response Form as a resident elector a person must:

- be 18 years of age or older; and
 - be a Canadian citizen; and
 - have lived in British Columbia for at least six months immediately prior to signing the Elector Response Form; and
 - live in the jurisdiction (Electoral Area "F"); and
 - not be disqualified by any enactment from voting in an election or otherwise disqualified by law.
2. A **non-resident property elector** is an individual who **does not live (does not reside)** in the participating service area but is entitled to vote by virtue of owning real property in that jurisdiction. 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. Only one (1) 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 elector response form on their behalf, consent forms are available upon request or from the website at www.rdno.ca. Property owned in whole or in part by a corporation does not qualify under the non-resident property elector provisions. To sign an elector response form as a non-resident property elector a person must:
- not be entitled to register as a resident elector in the participating service area; and
 - be 18 years of age or older; and
 - be a Canadian citizen; and
 - have lived in British Columbia for at least six months immediately prior to signing the Elector Response Form; and
 - not be disqualified by any enactment from voting in an election or otherwise disqualified by law; and
 - have owned property in the jurisdiction (Electoral Area "F") for at least 30 days prior to signing the Elector Response Form.

Be advised that 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. Non-resident property elector consent forms are available on our website at www.rdno.ca or contact corp@rdno.ca to request a form be forwarded to you.

NOTE: There is no Corporate Vote – no corporation is entitled to be registered as an elector or have a representative registered as an elector and no corporation is entitled to vote.

Elector Response Form submissions will be accepted in person at the RDNO office, by mail, facsimile (fax) and email. If this form is submitted to the RDNO by fax or email it is the sender's responsibility to ensure that transmission of the form is completed.

Further information regarding this Alternative Approval Process including elector qualifications is available on our website at www.rdno.ca or by phone 250.550.3700 / 1-855-650-3700 toll free

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