



News Release

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Advance Voting for Regional District Elections

Wednesday, November 9th is the first Advance Voting Day for the upcoming elections conducted by the Regional District of Central Okanagan. If qualified electors are unable to vote on General Voting Day, Saturday, November 19th, they can vote in advance either Wednesday, November 9th or Tuesday, November 15th from 8:00 am to 8:00 pm.

Advance voting will take place in four locations. Central Okanagan West Electoral Area voters may cast a ballot at either the District of West Kelowna Community Portable (2760 Cameron Road) or at the Killiney Beach Community Hall (514 Udell Road in Killiney Beach). Qualified voters in the Central Okanagan East Electoral Area may vote at the Joe Rich Community Hall (11481 Highway 33 east) or the Ellison Heritage School Community Hall (4411 Old Vernon Road).

Communications Coordinator Bruce Smith says, "We are conducting three elections and a referendum question: one to choose a Regional Board Director to represent the Central Okanagan East Electoral Area; one in the Central Okanagan West Electoral Area to choose a Regional Director and to vote for a School District No. 23 Zone 2 Trustee. Qualified voters within the North Westside Fire Protection District Service Area will vote on a referendum question regarding funding for the operation, maintenance and capital needs of the Killiney Beach Community Hall."

Residents heading to the polling places must bring two pieces of identification proving who they are and their current residence. One of those pieces of I-D must have a signature on it, such as a Driver's License, Care Card, Social Insurance Card or a credit card. Any qualified elector may take the opportunity to vote in advance. Resident and Non-Resident Property Electors that meet all the required qualifications and are not able to vote in the advance or general voting opportunities may apply to vote by mail ballot by contacting the Chief Elections Officer.

Residents can check out regionaldistrict.com/elections and follow the Election Information links to determine whether they are eligible to vote. If people are uncertain about their eligibility or if they have any questions about voting, they can email our Election Office (elections@cord.bc.ca) or call 250-763-4918 between 8:00 am and 4:00 pm, Monday through Friday, excluding statutory holidays.

To qualify as a resident voter in the elections, they must be at least 18 years of age on the day they vote; a Canadian Citizen; a resident of British Columbia for six months immediately preceding the day of voting and a resident of the Electoral Area for at least 30 days immediately preceding the day of voting. Residents living on Westbank First Nation Reserves #9 and #10 who meet the voter criteria are eligible to cast a ballot in the Central Okanagan West Electoral Area Director and Zone 2 School Trustee elections.

For general information on Advance and General Voting days only while polls are open please call 250-469-6339.

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Contact:

Bruce Smith
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250-469-6339

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Central Okanagan East Electoral Area Director Election

ADVANCE VOTING DAYS (8:00 am to 8:00 pm)
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Wednesday, November 9th, 2011• Tuesday, November 15th, 2011 |
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Advance Voting Locations:

- Ellison Heritage School Community Hall, 4411 Old Vernon Road
 - Joe Rich Community Hall, 11481 Highway 33 east

It's estimated there are 3,430 eligible voters within the Central Okanagan East Electoral Area. Any qualified elector may vote at an advance voting opportunity.

Resident Elector Qualifications

(residents and dependants living within the Central Okanagan East Electoral Area)

- You are age 18 or older as of the date that you vote; AND
- You are a Canadian citizen; AND
- You have lived in British Columbia in the six months immediately preceding voting day; AND
- You have lived within the Central Okanagan East Electoral Area for at least 30 days immediately preceding voting day; AND
- You are not disqualified from voting or otherwise disqualified by law.

At the voting place, you will be required to produce two pieces of acceptable identification (at least one with a signature) to election staff.

Non-Resident Property Elector Qualifications

(owns property but does not live within the Central Okanagan East Electoral Area)

- You are NOT entitled to register as a resident elector of the Central Okanagan East Electoral Area; AND
- You are age 18 or older as of the date that you vote; AND
- You are a Canadian citizen; AND
- You have lived in British Columbia in the six months immediately preceding voting day; AND
- You are a registered owner of property within the Central Okanagan East Electoral Area for at least 30 days immediately preceding voting day ; AND
- You have been authorized in writing by a majority of the other owner(s) of the property as the Non-Resident Property Elector for that property; AND
- You are not disqualified from voting or otherwise disqualified by law.

At the voting place, you will be required to produce acceptable identification, as well as a legal description of the property and proof of ownership of the property in question. If there are other owners of the property you must also have written consent from a majority of the other owners on title designating you as the owner that will vote on their behalf. A non-resident property elector consent form is available on the Regional District website regionaldistrict.com/elections – Who Can Vote webpage.

For further information contact the Chief Election Officer at 250-763-4918.

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- District of West Kelowna Community Portable, 2760 Cameron Road, West Kelowna
 - Killiney Beach Community Hall, 514 Udell Road, Killiney Beach

It's estimated there are 7,330 eligible voters within the Central Okanagan West Electoral Area. Please note that people meeting the qualifications who reside on Westbank First Nation Reserves # 9 and #10 are eligible to vote in the Central Okanagan West Electoral Area Director and Zone 2 School Trustee elections.

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