



## TOWN OF CRESTON PROPOSED NEW FIRE HALL REFERENDUM

### NOTICE OF ASSENT VOTING

**PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY** given to the electors of the Town of Creston that a referendum is necessary for the proposed "Protective Services Building Loan Authorization Bylaw No. 1861, 2017".

The question to be voted on for this proposed Bylaw No. 1861 will be:

"Are you in favour of the Town of Creston adopting "Protective Services Building Loan Authorization Bylaw No. 1861, 2017" authorizing Council to borrow for the development and construction of a new fire hall (\$5,300,000), with the potential inclusion of additional space for the BC Ambulance Service (\$800,000) as long as the BC Ambulance Service will fully pay its share of the debt servicing costs, for a total sum not exceeding six million one hundred thousand dollars (\$6,100,000) repayable over a period of no more than twenty (20) years?"

### VOTING OPPORTUNITIES

**ADVANCE VOTING** will be open at the Creston Town Hall Council Chambers, 238 – 10<sup>th</sup> Avenue North, on **Wednesday, November 22, 2017**, and **Wednesday, November 29, 2017**, between the hours of **8:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m.**

**SPECIAL VOTING OPPORTUNITIES** will be open on **Wednesday, December 6, 2017** at **Swan Valley Lodge**, 818 Vancouver Street, between the hours of **10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.**; **Crest View Care Village**, 800 Cavell Street, between the hours of **12:30 p.m. to 1:30 p.m.**; and, **Creston Valley Hospital**, 312 - 15<sup>th</sup> Avenue North, between the hours of **2:30 p.m. and 3:30 p.m.** Only those qualified electors who are patients or staff at the time of voting may vote at this special voting opportunity.

**GENERAL VOTING DAY** will be open to qualified electors of the Town of Creston on **Saturday, December 9, 2017** between the hours of **8:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m.** at the **Creston & District Community Complex (Rec. Centre)**, 312 – 19th Avenue North, Creston, BC. Voting will be held in the Erickson Room located on the main floor.

**CURBSIDE VOTING:** Where a request is made to the Chief Election Officer and/or Deputy Election Officer for a mobile voting station to be brought outside the place of voting, so that a person who has a physical disability or whose mobility is impaired to the extent that they cannot physically enter the place of voting, can vote from within their vehicle. Curbside voting will be available on **Advance Voting Days** at Town Hall and on **General Voting Day** at the Creston & District Community Complex (Rec. Centre), from **8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.**

### ELECTOR REGISTRATION

If you are not on the list of electors, you may register at the time of voting by completing the required application form available at the voting place. To register you must meet the following qualifications:

- (a) 18 years of age or older;
- (b) Canadian citizen;
- (c) resident of BC for at least 6 months immediately preceding voting day;
- (d) resident of OR registered owner of real property in the Town of Creston for at least 30 days immediately preceding voting day; and,
- (e) not otherwise disqualified by law from voting.

**Resident electors** will also be required to produce **2 pieces of identification** (at least one with a signature). Picture identification is not necessary. The identification must prove both residency and identity.

**Non-resident property electors** must produce 2 pieces of identification (at least one with a signature) to prove identity, proof that they are entitled to register in relation to the property, and if applicable, written consent from the other property owners.

## MAIL BALLOT VOTING

Qualified electors may vote by mail if they:

- (a) have a physical disability, illness or injury that affects their ability to vote at another voting opportunity, OR
- (b) expect to be absent from the Town of Creston on general voting day and at the times of all advance voting opportunities.

### REQUESTING A MAIL BALLOT PACKAGE:

The Town of Creston will send out Mail Ballot packages upon request commencing on or about **November 8, 2017**.

To receive a Mail Ballot you must submit the following information to the Town Hall by mail (PO Box 1339, Creston, BC, V0B 1G0), telephone (250-428-2214, ext. 225 or 233), fax (250-428-9164), or email (stacey.hadley@creston.ca or donna.cassel@creston.ca):

1. Full name;
2. Residential address;
3. Address of the property in relation to which you are voting (for non-resident property electors);
4. Method of delivery of your Mail Ballot package:
  - i) pick up at Town Hall, OR
  - ii) regular letter mail through Canada Post to residential address, OR
  - iii) regular letter mail through Canada Post to an alternate address that you provide when requesting the Mail Ballot package;
5. If you are not on the List of Electors, to ensure you receive the correct registration application form in your package, you must indicate whether you are going to be registering as a resident or non-resident property elector.

**The deadline to request a Mail Ballot is 4:00 p.m. on December 7, 2017.**

To be counted, your Mail Ballot must be received by the Chief Election Officer at the **Town Hall** (238 – 10<sup>th</sup> Avenue North) **no later than 4:30 p.m. on Friday, December 8, 2017**, and at the **Creston & District Community Complex** (Rec Centre, 312 – 19<sup>th</sup> Avenue North, Erickson Room) **no later than 8:00 pm on Saturday, December 9, 2017**. **It is the obligation of the person applying to vote by Mail Ballot to ensure that the Mail Ballot is received by the Chief Election Officer within this time limit.**

All questions regarding the above may be directed to Stacey Hadley, Chief Election Officer, at 250-428-2214, ext. 225, or Donna Cassel, Deputy Election Officer, at 250-428-2214, ext. 233.

Chief Election Officer