



Notice of Assent Voting Opportunity Magic Lake Estates Wastewater Referendum

Qualified Resident Electors and Non-Resident Property Electors of the Magic Lake Estates Sewage Local Service Area located on North Pender Island within the Southern Gulf Islands Electoral Area will be asked to vote on the following question on **Saturday, November 23, 2019**: “Magic Lake Estates Wastewater System Loan Authorization Bylaw No. 3, 2019”, authorizing the Capital Regional District to borrow an amount up to but not to exceed SIX MILLION DOLLARS (\$6,000,000) for the purpose of administering, planning, designing, acquiring, and constructing the capital renewal and upgrade of the Magic Lake Estates Wastewater System. YES or NO”

Synopsis of Bylaw No. 4320

The intent of Bylaw No. 4320, Magic Lake Estates Wastewater System Loan Authorization Bylaw No. 3, 2019, is to authorize the Capital Regional District (CRD) to borrow an amount up to but not to exceed \$6,000,000, for the purposes of funding Phase 1 of capital renewal and upgrade of the Magic Lake Estates wastewater system, which will involve the design and construction of facilities for collection, conveyance, treatment and disposal of wastewater, as well as other related works, facilities, real property and equipment purchases, and will include planning, studies, project administration and communications, and staff time. The Magic Lake Estates sewage local service area is located on Pender Island in the Southern Gulf Islands Electoral Area of the Capital Regional District.

The above synopsis is not an interpretation of Bylaw No. 4320. A copy of the complete bylaw and this notice may be viewed from October 21, 2019 to November 22, 2019, Monday to Friday, at CRD Headquarters, 625 Fisgard Street, 1st Floor Foyer, Victoria, BC, 8:30 am-4:30 pm. The bylaw and other information may also be viewed on the website: www.crd.bc.ca/magiclake-vote

Taxation Impact

The 30-year loan authorization period may ultimately result in an additional estimated parcel tax of \$496, based on borrowing up to \$6,000,000 for the project. This rate is for illustrative purposes only and the actual parcel tax will be based on the amount borrowed and the interest rate at time of borrowing. The interest rate may also change each time the loan is refinanced (after approximately 10 years and then every 5 years thereafter).

Voting Opportunities

The **General Voting Day** voting place will be open from **8 am to 8 pm on Saturday, November 23, 2019**, and **Advance Voting Opportunities** will be available from **8 am to 8 pm on Wednesday, November 13 and Wednesday, November 20, 2019 at:**

- St. Peter's Church, 4703 Canal Road, Pender Island, BC

Mail Ballot Voting is available to qualified Resident Electors or Non-Resident Property Electors who:

- have a physical disability, illness or injury that affects their ability to vote at another voting opportunity, or
- expect to be absent from the regional district on general voting day (Saturday, November 23, 2019) and at the times of all advance voting opportunities (Wednesday, November 13 and November 20, 2019).

To Register To Vote By Mail, eligible electors who meet the criteria must submit a completed mail ballot application form in advance of general voting day, November 23, 2019. Application forms are available on the CRD website noted above. Completed application forms may be submitted via email, mail, in person or via fax at the following contact information listed below:

Capital Regional District, c/o Legislative Services, 5th floor, 625 Fisgard Street, Victoria, BC, V8W 1R7; Fax: 250.360.3130; Email Legserv@crd.bc.ca

If you are not on the Provincial Resident Elector List or the CRD Non-Resident Property List of Electors, you may register at the time of filling in your ballot. If you wish to confirm that your name is on the List of Electors, please call the number listed above.

After receiving a mail ballot application, the CRD will send out the applicable mail ballot package commencing on or about November 4, 2019. If we receive your application at a date that does not permit mailing, you should arrange to pick up a package from the CRD, Legislative Services, at the address listed above. To be counted for the assent voting, your mail ballot must be received by the Chief Election Officer no later than 8 pm on Saturday, November 23, 2019 at the CRD address listed above. 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.

Elector Qualifications

Resident Elector - You are entitled to vote as a Resident Elector if you are 18 years or older on voting day (November 23, 2019), are a Canadian Citizen, have resided in British Columbia for the past six months and within the boundaries of the Magic Lake Estates sewage local service area for the past 30 days. If registering on voting day, you must provide two documents proving identity and residency (one must have a signature). Please note the CRD is using the Provincial Voters List for Resident Electors.

Non-Resident Property Elector - If you are 18 years or older on voting day (November 23, 2019), are a Canadian Citizen, have resided in British Columbia for the past six months, have owned and held registered title to property within the boundaries of the Magic Lake Estates sewage local service area for the past 30 days, and do not qualify as a Resident Elector, you may vote as a Non-Resident Property Elector provided that you:

- a) have registered on or before October 11, 2019, or
- b) apply at the time of voting. The following information is required at the time of application:
 - a recent title search, state of title certificate, or property tax notice, showing the names of **all** of the registered owners,
 - 2 pieces of identification proving identity and residency (one must have a signature), and
 - in the case of more than one owner of the property, a completed consent form signed by the majority of the owners designating you as the person entitled to vote for the property (original signatures only; facsimiles of signatures not acceptable). A copy of the consent form may be downloaded from: www.crd.bc.ca/magiclake-vote

The following are examples of acceptable classes of documents for proof of identity:

- BC Driver's Licence
- BC ID card (BCID)
- BC Services Card
- BC CareCard
- Social Insurance Card (Canada)
- Citizenship Card (Canada)
- Real property tax notice (municipal or rural)
- Credit card or debit card issued by a savings institution
- Utility bill

Please Note:

- 1) Only one Non-Resident Property Elector may vote per property, regardless of how many owners there may be. Further, you may vote for only one property, no matter how many properties you own within the service area.

- 2) You may register on voting day if you meet the qualifications set out above. If you are already registered as a Non-Resident Property Elector, and provided that you still meet all of the requirements of the *Local Government Act* in order to be registered under this category, you are not required to re-register in order to vote.
- 3) 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. Individuals who are on title with corporations are not entitled to register or vote. Individuals who own an undivided interest in land on which the balance is held by a corporation are not entitled to vote.

For questions regarding the voting opportunity contact the Capital Regional District at 250.360.3127 or Toll Free 1.800.663.4425 local 3127, or by email at legserv@crd.bc.ca.

Dated this 28th day of October, 2019

Kristen Morley
Chief Election Officer

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