

CARIBOO REGIONAL DISTRICT

NOTICE OF ASSENT VOTING

FOREST GROVE FIREHALL RENOVATION REFERENDUM

PUBLIC NOTICE is given to the electors within the Forest Grove Fire Protection Service Area in the Cariboo Regional District, as defined on the map following, that assent voting will be held on the following question:

“Are you in favour of the Cariboo Regional District adopting:

- **Bylaw 5566:** to authorize the borrowing of up to \$880,000 over 10 years to provide for the renovation of the existing firehall for the Forest Grove Fire Protection Service; and
- **Bylaw 5556:** to increase the service's annual taxation limit to a maximum of \$1.4475/\$1,000 of assessed property value or \$548,808, whichever is higher?

(This borrowing will result in an estimated total annual parcel tax of \$141 per parcel.)”

VOTING DATES AND LOCATIONS

ADVANCE VOTING: **WEDNESDAY, JULY 15, 2026**
 8:00 am to 8:00 pm
 Forest Grove Community Hall, 4489 Eagle Creek Road, Forest Grove, BC

GENERAL VOTING: **SATURDAY, JULY 25, 2026**
 8:00 am to 8:00 pm
 Forest Grove Community Hall, 4489 Eagle Creek Road, Forest Grove, BC

Qualified electors may vote at either of the above voting dates/locations.

ELECTOR REGISTRATION

There is no need to pre-register to vote, as the registration of all electors for voting will take place at the time of voting. You will be required to make a declaration that you meet the following requirements:

- 18 years of age or older on general voting day; and
- Canadian citizen; and
- resident of BC for at least 6 months immediately before the day of voting; and
- resident of the Forest Grove Fire Protection Service Area; OR
- registered owner of real property in the Forest Grove Fire Protection Service Area for at least 30 days immediately before the day of voting; and
- not disqualified under the *Local Government Act* or any other enactment from voting in the assent voting and not otherwise disqualified by law.

Resident electors are asked to produce **2 pieces of identification** (at least one with a signature). Picture identification is not necessary. The identification should prove both residency and identity.

Non-resident property electors are asked to produce 2 pieces of identification (at least one with a signature). In addition, for non-resident property electors, if more than one person is a registered owner of the property, only one of those individuals may, with the written consent of the majority of the owners, register as a non-resident property elector. IMPORTANT: To ensure that you will be able to vote, PLEASE CONTACT THE CHIEF OR DEPUTY CHIEF ELECTION OFFICER as there may be documentation requirements to be met prior to voting day.

MAIL BALLOT VOTING

All eligible electors may choose to vote by mail ballot in this assent vote.

REQUESTING A MAIL BALLOT PACKAGE:

Between June 22, 2026 and 4:00 pm on July 23, 2026, you must submit the following information to the Cariboo Regional District office online at www.cariboord.ca/VoteByMail or by mail to Suite D, 180 North 3rd Avenue, Williams Lake, BC, V2G 2A4; telephone (250) 392-3351 or 1-800-665-1636; fax (250) 392-2812; or email mailbox@cariboord.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:
 - (a) pick up at Cariboo Regional District Williams Lake office; OR
 - (b) regular letter mail through Canada Post to residential address; OR
 - (c) regular letter mail through Canada Post to an alternate address provided when requesting the mail ballot package; OR
 - (d) courier at your expense; and
5. 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.

Mail ballot packages will be sent out commencing on or before June 30, 2026. To be counted, your mail ballot must be received by the Chief Election Officer or delegate no later than 8:00 pm on July 25, 2026. Once you have been issued a mail ballot, you will not be permitted to vote at a polling station.

SYNOPSIS OF PROPOSED BYLAWS

BYLAW NO. 5566 & BYLAW NO. 5556 – “Forest Grove Fire Protection Firehall Renovation Loan Authorization Bylaw No. 5566, 2026” & “Forest Grove Fire Protection Service Amendment Bylaw No. 5556, 2026” - If adopted, these bylaws provide for the borrowing of up to eight hundred eighty thousand dollars (\$880,000) over 10 years to renovate the existing firehall.

ANNUAL RESIDENTIAL COST PROJECTIONS:

If approved, this borrowing will result in an estimated total annual parcel tax of approximately \$141 per parcel.

TAKE NOTICE that the above is a synopsis of the proposed bylaws and that this synopsis is not intended to be and is not to be understood as an interpretation of the bylaws. The full bylaws may be inspected at the Cariboo Regional District office, Suite D, 180 North Third Avenue, Williams Lake, BC, V2G 2A4, during regular office hours, 8:00 am to 4:30 pm, weekdays, or online at www.cariboord.ca.

For further information on the bylaws or the voting process, please contact Alice Johnston, Chief Election Officer at ajohnston@cariboord.ca or Lore Schick, Deputy Chief Election Officer at lschick@cariboord.ca or (250) 392-3351 or 1-800-665-1636.

Alice Johnston
Chief Election Officer

Forest Grove Fire Protection Service Area Boundary (voting area):

(insert map)