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Nomination packages available July 27 for 2018 CRD elections

Williams Lake, B.C. – Now is the time to start thinking about whether you would like to run for local government office in the upcoming 2018 general elections. For those considering running as a Cariboo Regional District electoral area director, nomination packages will be available starting July 27 on the CRD website and at the CRD offices in Williams Lake, Quesnel and 100 Mile House.

The nomination period for candidates begins at 9 a.m. on Sept. 4, 2018 and closes at 4 p.m. on Sept. 14, 2018.

Residents of B.C. interested in running for local government office in the upcoming general local election must meet certain eligibility requirements to be nominated. They must also run and finance their campaign according to provincial legislation. Candidates must meet the following criteria:

- Canadian citizen;
- 18 years of age or older;
- resident of British Columbia for at least 6 months immediately before the day nomination papers are filed; and
- not disqualified by the Local Government Act or any other enactment from voting in an election in British Columbia or from being nominated for, being elected to, or holding office.

General voting day for the local general election is on Saturday, Oct. 20, 2018. Advance polling opportunities will be on Oct. 10 and Oct. 15, 2018. Additional special voting opportunities may be announced and polling station locations will be confirmed closer to the date.

Local government elections in British Columbia currently happen every four years. This includes elections for regional district electoral area directors, municipal mayors and councillors, and school trustees.

For more information:

- Cariboo Regional District website: www.cariboord.ca/government/elections
- Provincial Government website: www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/governments/local-governments/governance-powers/general-local-elections/running-for-local-office

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