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Mail Ballots Available for Regional Director / School Trustee Elections

Some Central Okanagan Electoral Area voters unable to cast a ballot during regular voting opportunities for the November election may still be able to have their ballot counted!

For the second straight Local Government Election, mail-in balloting is available as an option.

Regional District Communications Coordinator Bruce Smith says, "There are a number of possible reasons that qualified voters may wish to vote by mail-in ballot. People who expect to be absent from the jurisdiction and are not able to vote in either Advance voting opportunities, November 9th and 15th, or on General Voting Day, Saturday, November 19th or electors who may not be able to vote due to physical challenges, illness or injury, are eligible to vote by mail ballot."

In order to vote by mail, resident and non-resident electors must meet the same qualifications as any person voting at a polling location. They must be a Canadian Citizen, 18 years of age as of the date they vote, have resided in BC for six months immediately before registering to vote and have lived in the Central Okanagan East or Central Okanagan West Electoral Area for 30 days immediately before registering to vote and they must not otherwise be disqualified from voting.

Smith adds, "Electors who wish to vote by mail must complete and return the application form before November 17th to the RDCO Elections Office at 1450 KLO Road; by email elections@cord.bc.ca; or by regular mail to the Regional District of Central Okanagan, 1450 KLO Road, Kelowna, BC V1W 3Z4. We need their full name and residential address or the address of the property they own if they are a non-resident property elector and they must provide an address they wish to have the mail ballot package mailed to. If you are a qualified elector and your application has been completed correctly, once we receive the ballots in early November, we will send you a mail ballot package by regular Canada Post letter mail. If time doesn't permit mailing, you should arrange to pick up a package from the Chief Election Officer."

In order to be counted, those using the mail-in ballot option must ensure the completed ballot package is received by the Chief Election Officer no later than the close of regular polling at 8:00 pm on General Voting Day, Saturday, November 19th.

The Regional District website has links for more information regarding mail ballots and the application form along with other details on Who Can Vote, Where To Vote and When To Vote. Just visit regionaldistrict.com/elections or visit the website and click on the 2011 Election Information image.

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