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RDCK seeks electoral approval to include all of Electoral Area G in Library Financial Aid Service Bylaw

Nelson, BC: The Regional District of Central Kootenay (RDCK) will seek approval of the electors within the Village of Salmo and Electoral Area G for the repeal and replacement of *Salmo and Portion of Electoral Area G Library Financial Service Bylaw*. The new bylaw would expand the service area to include all of Electoral Area G for the purpose of providing a financial contribution towards the costs of operating the Salmo Valley Public Library. Approval will be sought through the Alternative Approval Process (AAP).

If the new bylaw is approved, the expansion of the service will provide additional funding (145 new properties) to the Salmo Valley Public Library.

“As a former educator, I value the importance of the Salmo Valley Public Library and believe it is a priority to have a sustainable funding service,” said Hans Cunningham, RDCK Director of Electoral Area G. “The expanded service will give all residents of Area G the benefit of extensive library services, including access to almost all BC libraries through the BC OneCard. Because the revised area includes expanded industrial rated properties that are taxed at a higher rate, the new bylaw means reduced tax rates for both the Village of Salmo and Area G homeowners. Better service, lower taxes, what is not to like?”

Under Section 86 of the *Community Charter*, eligible electors within the service area who are opposed to the new bylaw may petition against the adoption by signing an Electoral Response Form. At least 10% of electors must petition against the proposal prior to 4:30 pm on September 5, 2022. Electors who support the proposal should not sign the form.

For more information, including the Electoral Response Form, service area map, and more information about the process, please visit www.rdck.ca/SalmoGLibrary.

Incorporated in 1965, the Regional District of Central Kootenay (RDCK) is a local government that serves 60,000 residents in 11 electoral areas and nine member municipalities. The RDCK provides more than 160 services, including community facilities, fire protection and emergency services, grants, planning and land use, regional parks, resource recovery and handling, transit, water services and much more. For more information about the RDCK, visit www.rdck.ca.

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