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Vandalism of Election Signs in Electoral Area E

Nelson, BC: The Regional District of Central Kootenay (RDCK) has been made aware of several incidents involving vandalism of election signs in Electoral Area E. Signs for multiple candidates have been torn down in the Balfour area overnight.

“We consider this a very serious matter. Anyone who damages a sign could be charged with a criminal offence,” said RDCK Chief Elections Officer Tom Dool. “I strongly condemn these acts of vandalism. I have notified the RCMP and encourage anyone with information to come forward.”

Tampering with or stealing election signs is an offence under the Criminal Code of Canada and the Canada Elections Act, and anyone caught doing so can be facing charges, including mischief to property or theft under \$5,000 – which has a maximum penalty of two years in prison.

The campaign to elect RDCK Directors in Electoral Areas B, C, E, G and J began on September 17. Voters may cast their ballot at an advance voting opportunity until 8:00 pm today or on Saturday, October 15 between 8:00 am and 8:00 pm.

For more information on the 2022 general local election, go to www.rdck.ca/elections.

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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