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Official results declared for RDCK curbside collection services referendums

Nelson, BC: The official results of the May 11, 2024 referendums for curbside collection services have been declared by the Regional District of Central Kootenay (RDCK) Chief Elections Officer. The proposed curbside collection services bylaw in defined areas F and H and in defined areas of area J did not receive voter assent.

REGIONAL DISTRICT OF CENTRAL KOOTENAY DEFINED AREAS F AND H CURBSIDE COLLECTION SERVICE ESTABLISHMENT BYLAW NO. 2933 ASSENT VOTING – OFFICIAL RESULTS

VOTING STATIONS	YES	NO	SPOILED/REJECTED	TOTAL
Mail-In Ballots	9	40	1	50
RDCK Nelson Office	95	614	0	709
Crescent Valley Hall	27	369	0	396
Voter Turnout: 30% (3,866 on Voters List)	131	1023	1	1155

[Official signed results Defined Areas F and H Curbside Collection Service](#)

REGIONAL DISTRICT OF CENTRAL KOOTENAY DEFINED AREA J CURBSIDE COLLECTION SERVICE ESTABLISHMENT BYLAW NO. 2934 ASSENT VOTING – OFFICIAL RESULTS

VOTING STATION	YES	NO	SPOILED/REJECTED	TOTAL
Mail-In Ballots	0	0	0	0
Castlegar and District Community Complex	103	830	3	936
Voter Turnout: 39% (2,428 on Voters List)	103	830	3	936

[Official signed results Defined Area J Curbside Collection Service](#)

The results of the referendum for curbside collection services in defined portions of Electoral Areas F and H/ Electoral Area J mean the proposal will not go ahead. RDCK staff and Directors thank the voters for turning up and casting their ballots. In Electoral Areas F and H, there was a 30% voter turnout and in Electoral Area J there was a 39% voter turnout. From the beginning of the process, the RDCK was committed to ensuring the electors made the decision on if services should proceed or not, and is pleased voter turnout for this process was substantial.

Between 2019 and 2023, the RDCK conducted two rounds of consultation and a feasibility study on the proposed services. The decision by the Board of Directors to bring the proposals to referendum was based on public feedback which indicated reasonable support Solid waste management research that shows curbside services for all three streams of waste decreases the amount that households send to landfill, and increases diversion of recycling and food waste.

As part of the RDCK's Resource Recovery Plan, reducing household waste that ends up in our limited landfill space remains a priority. The RDCK is committed to looking for ways to support residents and businesses in reducing their waste, and participating in services to separate and divert compostable and recyclable materials from our landfills.

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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