



## Village of Burns Lake

### Notice to Electors of Alternative Approval Process

This notice is the first of two notices to advise electors in the Village of Burns Lake of the intention to adopt "**Water Treatment Plant Loan Authorization Bylaw No. 983, 2018**". The purpose of the bylaw is to borrow an amount not to exceed \$1,850,000 to finance the construction of a water treatment plant, that will be repaid over a period not to exceed 25 years. It is expected that the borrowing will result in no tax or fee increase, as it will be paid for using the existing water frontage tax. The water treatment plant will provide drinking water that meets acceptable standards for mineral content. A copy of Bylaw No. 983 and a summary of the project are available from the Village of Burns Lake's office during each business day of the week between 8:00 am and 4:00 pm.

The Council proposes to borrow the money and undertake the construction unless, by 4:00 pm on Monday March 18, 2019, at least 10% of the electors in the Village of Burns Lake sign an elector response form opposing the implementation of the proposal unless the Council holds a vote.

The number of elector responses required to prevent the Village of Burns Lake from proceeding unless a vote is held is estimated to be 147. This estimate is based on the number of electors as set by Elections BC.

Elector responses are required to be submitted to the local government on forms that can be obtained during regular business hours from the Village of Burns Lake's office at 15-3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue Burns Lake. The form can also be downloaded from the Village of Burns Lake's website at [burnslake.ca](http://burnslake.ca), on the Village Office tab. The only elector response forms that will be accepted by the Village of Burns Lake are the ones provided by the Village of Burns Lake, or an accurate copy of the form.

Only electors of the Village of Burns Lake are eligible to sign the elector response forms. There are two types of electors – resident electors and non-resident property electors.

**Resident Elector:** When signing an elector response form during an AAP, a resident elector must: be 18 years of age or older; be a Canadian Citizen; have lived in British Columbia for at least six months; have lived in the Village of Burns Lake for at least 30 days; live in the Village of Burns Lake; and, not be disqualified under the *Local Government Act*, or any other enactment from voting in a local election, or be otherwise disqualified by law.

**Non-resident Property Elector:** When signing an elector response form during an AAP, a non-resident property elector must: be 18 years of age or older; be a Canadian Citizen; have lived in British Columbia for at least six months; have owned property in the Village of Burns Lake for at least 30 days; own property in the Village of Burns Lake; and, not be disqualified under the *Local Government Act*, or any other enactment from voting in a local election, or be otherwise disqualified by law.

**Note:** Only one non-resident property elector may sign an elector response form per property, regardless of how many people own the property; and, that owner must have the written consent of a majority of the other property owner(s) to sign the response form on their behalf. **Property owned in whole or in part by a corporation does not qualify under the non-resident property elector provisions.**

Resident electors signing the elector response form must provide their name and address.

Non-resident property electors must provide their name and the address of the property in relation to which they are entitled to register as a non-resident property elector. The Village of Burns Lake will not share the information on the form with anyone other than the Corporate Officer, or other person designated by the Corporate Officer.

For more information on elector qualifications, please contact the Village of Burns Lake or see the Voter's Guide to Local Government Elections in BC, available from the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing or online at:

<https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/governments/local-governments/governance-powers/general-local-elections/voter-eligibility-voting>

For further information please contact the Village of Burns Lake at 250-692-7587.