



PUBLIC NOTICE is given as follows:

Assent voting will be held on the following question:

“Are you in favour of the Regional District of Nanaimo adopting “Electoral Area ‘F’ Community Parks and Halls Local Service Property Purchase Loan Authorization Bylaw No. 1929, 2025”, which will authorize the Regional District of Nanaimo to borrow up to eight hundred and twenty-four thousand dollars (\$824,000), plus interest, repayable over a period of no more than ten (10) years, to finance the purchase of a 3.7 hectare (9.15 acre) property located at 2350 Alberni Highway, Coombs, (known as French Creek School) for use by the Electoral Area ‘F’ Community Parks and Halls Local Service?”

The voting area for this assent voting is Electoral Area F of the Regional District of Nanaimo.

SYNOPSIS OF PROPOSED BYLAW NO. 1929

Bylaw No. 1929 - “Electoral Area ‘F’ Community Parks and Halls Local Service Property Purchase Loan Authorization Bylaw No. 1929, 2025” - The general intent of this bylaw is to authorize the Regional District of Nanaimo to borrow up to eight hundred and twenty-four thousand dollars (\$824,000), plus interest in order to finance the purchase of a 3.7 hectare (9.15 acre) property located at 2350 Alberni Highway, Coombs, (known as French Creek School) for use by the Electoral Area ‘F’ Community Parks and Halls Local Service and to acquire all such real property, easements, rights-of-way, licenses, rights or authorities as may be requisite or desirable for or in connection with the purchase of 2350 Alberni Highway, Coombs. The maximum term for which debentures may be issued to secure the debt created by this bylaw is ten (10) years. The area subject to the bylaw is the Electoral Area ‘F’ Community Parks and Halls Local Service Area.

The above synopsis is not an interpretation of the bylaw. The full bylaw may be inspected on the Regional District of Nanaimo website at <https://rdn.bc.ca/French-Creek-School-and-Parkland-Purchase-Referendum> and at the Regional District of Nanaimo, Administration Office at 6300 Hammond Bay Road, Nanaimo, during regular office hours, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday to Friday, excluding statutory holidays.

For further information on the bylaw or the assent voting process, please contact the Chief Election Officer or Deputy Chief Election Officers by phone at 250-390-4111, toll free at 1-877-607-4111 or email at [vote@rdn.bc.ca](mailto:vote@rdn.bc.ca).

VOTING DATES AND LOCATIONS

GENERAL VOTING DAY for eligible electors will be held on:  
**Saturday, October 25, 2025**  
between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m.  
at  
**Coombs Fairgrounds, 1014 Ford Road, Coombs**

ADVANCE VOTING for eligible electors will be held as follows:  
**Wednesday, October 15, 2025**  
and  
**Wednesday, October 22, 2025**  
between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m.  
at  
**Coombs Fairgrounds, 1014 Ford Road, Coombs**

ELECTOR REGISTRATION

If you are not on the list of electors, you may register to vote at the time of voting by completing the application form available at the voting place and making a declaration that you meet the requirements to be registered as set out below:

RESIDENT ELECTORS:

To register as a resident elector, you must:

- Be 18 years of age or older on General Voting Day; and
- Be a Canadian Citizen; and
- Be a resident of British Columbia for at least 6 months immediately before the day of registration; and
- Be a resident of Electoral Area F of the Regional District of Nanaimo; and
- Not be disqualified under the *Local Government Act* or any other enactment from voting in an election or be otherwise disqualified by law.

NON-RESIDENT PROPERTY ELECTORS:

To register as a non-resident property elector, you must:

- Not be entitled to register as a resident elector of Electoral Area F of the Regional District of Nanaimo; and
- Be 18 years of age or older on General Voting Day; and
- Be a Canadian Citizen; and
- Be a resident of British Columbia for at least 6 months immediately before the day of registration; and
- Be a registered owner of real property in Electoral Area F for at least 30 days immediately before the day of registration; and
- Not be disqualified under the *Local Government Act* or any other enactment from voting in an election or be otherwise disqualified by law.

In addition, for non-resident property electors:

- The only persons who are registered owners of the property, either as joint tenants or tenants in common, are individuals who are not holding the property in trust for a corporation or another trust.
- If more than one person is the registered owner of the property, only one of those individuals may, with the written consent of the majority of the owners, register as a non-resident property elector.

Note: Corporations cannot vote.

In addition, for **RESIDENT ELECTORS AND NON-RESIDENT PROPERTY ELECTORS** in order to register at time of voting:

# NOTICE OF ASSENT VOTING NOTICE OF ADVANCE VOTING NOTICE OF MAIL BALLOT VOTING for FRENCH CREEK SCHOOL AND PARKLAND PURCHASE ASSENT VOTING (REFERENDM)

## In Electoral Area F of the Regional District of Nanaimo

**Resident electors** must produce **two (2) pieces of identification** (at least one (1) with a signature). Picture identification is not necessary. The identification must prove both residency and identity.

**Non-resident property electors** must produce **two (2) pieces of identification** (at least one (1) with a signature) to prove identity, **proof** that they are entitled to register in relation to the property, and, if there is more than one owner of the property, **written consent** from the majority of the property owners.

TYPES OF DOCUMENTS THAT WILL BE ACCEPTED AS IDENTIFICATION

You must produce at least two (2) documents that provide evidence of your identity and place of residence, at least one (1) of which must contain your signature. The following classes of documents will be accepted:

- a) a Driver's Licence;
- b) an Identification Card such as
  - i. a photo BC services card;
  - ii. a non-photo BC services card;
- c) an Owner's Certificate of Insurance and Vehicle Licence issued by ICBC
- d) a BC CareCard or BC Gold CareCard;
- e) a Ministry of Social Development and Economic Security Request for Continued Assistance Form SDES8, (now Monthly Form EA181);
- f) a Social Insurance Number card or confirmation of Social Insurance Number letter issued by the government of Canada;
- g) a Citizenship Card;
- h) a real property tax notice;
- i) a credit card or debit card; or
- j) a utility bill, (such as electricity, natural gas, water, telephone or cable services).

The above listed identification documents **MUST** be accepted by election officials. An election official may also accept other forms of documents that provide evidence satisfactory to the election official (e.g., a valid, current passport).

MAIL BALLOT VOTING

The Regional District of Nanaimo will include Mail Ballot Voting as part of the French Creek School and Parkland Purchase Assent Voting (Referendum). Eligible electors in Electoral Area F of the Regional District of Nanaimo can register to vote and cast a ballot by mail.

REQUESTING A MAIL BALLOT PACKAGE

If you would like to vote by mail, you can request a mail ballot package by submitting an Application to Vote by Mail to the Regional District of Nanaimo Administration Office at 6300 Hammond Bay Road, Nanaimo, BC V9T 6N2 by the deadline of 4:30 p.m. on Thursday, October 23, 2025. Applications can be obtained by contacting the Regional District of Nanaimo Administration Office at the above address or by calling 250-390-4111, toll free 1-877-607-4111, or by emailing [vote@rdn.bc.ca](mailto:vote@rdn.bc.ca) or by downloading the form from the French Creek School and Parkland Purchase Referendum webpage on the Regional District of Nanaimo website at <https://rdn.bc.ca/2025French-Creek-School-Mail-ballot-voting>. Applications may be submitted in person, by mail to the above address, by fax to 250-390-4163 or by email to [vote@rdn.bc.ca](mailto:vote@rdn.bc.ca).

Upon receipt of a complete application, your name will be added to the list for mail ballot packages. The Regional District of Nanaimo will send you a mail ballot package or advise you that it is ready to be picked up as soon as possible.

If you apply to vote by mail after Monday, October 13, 2025, please contact the Chief Election Officer by phone at 250-390-4111, toll free at 1-877-607-4111, or email at [vote@rdn.bc.ca](mailto:vote@rdn.bc.ca) as special arrangements may be necessary due to time constraints. Applications will not be accepted after 4:30 p.m. on Thursday, October 23, 2025.

Important Deadline

As provided in the Local Government Act, a mail ballot must be received by the Chief Election Officer before the close of voting (**8:00 p.m.**) on general voting day (**Saturday, October 25, 2025**) in order to be counted for the assent voting (referendum). It is your responsibility to deliver or post the mail ballot in sufficient time for delivery to the Regional District of Nanaimo Administration Office at 6300 Hammond Bay Road, Nanaimo, BC V9T 6N2 by the deadline.

More information on Mail Ballot Voting is available on the Regional District of Nanaimo website at <https://rdn.bc.ca/2025French-Creek-School-Mail-ballot-voting>.

For further information on the matters contained in this Notice, please contact the Chief Election Officer or Deputy Chief Election Officers by phone at 250-390-4111, toll free at 1-877-607-4111 or email at [vote@rdn.bc.ca](mailto:vote@rdn.bc.ca).

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