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FALL 2022

NEWSLETTER

GENERAL LOCAL ELECTIONS: OCTOBER 15, 2022

General Voting Day is on October 15, 2022. Know whether you can vote, find out where and when to vote, and most importantly: exercise your democratic right... vote!

You must meet the following requirements to be eligible to vote:

- 18 years of age or older on General Voting Day;
- Canadian citizen;
- resident of B.C. for at least 6 months immediately before the day of registration;
- resident of, or registered owner of real property for at least 30 days in the TNRD Electoral Area; and
- not disqualified under the Local Government Act or any other enactment from voting in the assent voting and not otherwise disqualified by law.

On General Voting Day, polling stations across the TNRD will be open from 8 am to 8 pm. There are several alternatives that voters will have as well:

- **Advanced Voting Day:** October 5, 2022, 8 am to 8 pm, located at the TNRD Civic Building 4th Floor (465 Victoria St., Kamloops, B.C.).
- **Mail Ballot Voting:** Mail ballot voting is available for resident and non-resident voters in the TNRD. Voters will need to sign up through an online form available on the TNRD website.
- **Mobile Polls:** Available on select dates between October 6 and 14, 2022, with locations following the TNRL Mobile Library schedule.
- **Pop-Up Polls:** This travelling polling station will be available in select communities on General Voting Day.

For each Electoral Area where there will be an election, a map of polling stations is available on the TNRD's General Elections 2022 webpage. Visit www.tnrd.ca/elections-2022 to learn more.

For more information, contact: TNRD Elections staff:
250-377-6310 | elections@tnrd.ca



MANDATORY RECYCLABLES BYLAW NOW IN EFFECT

Earlier this year, the TNRD implemented a bylaw to reduce the amount of recyclable cardboard currently being landfilled, and enforcement is now in effect for large commercial and municipal haulers. Fines may be issued for commercial loads containing more than the 10% allowable threshold of recyclable cardboard.

For more information on Mandatory Recyclable Material Bylaw No. 2743 and recycling opportunities within the TNRD, please visit www.tnrd.ca/mandatory-recycling or call the TNRD at 1-877-377-8673.



DID YOU KNOW?

You can recycle paint, microwaves, fridges, freezers, used oil, tires, car batteries and more, for free, at all TNRD Eco-Depots. Learn more by visiting www.tnrd.ca/accepted-materials

UPCOMING MEETINGS:

Unless otherwise noted, all meetings take place in the TNRD Boardroom: 465 Victoria St., Kamloops B.C. Meeting dates and times are subject to change.

Utility Services Committee

October 5, 2022, 10 am – 12 pm

Regional Solid Waste Management Committee

October 5, 2022, 1:30 pm – 5 pm

TNRD Board of Directors Meeting

October 6, 2022, 1:30 pm – 5 pm

Committee of the Whole

October 7, 2022, 9 am – 12 pm

Inaugural TNRD Board of Directors Meeting

November 10, 2022, 5 pm – 7 pm

* The Rex Hall,
417 Seymour St., Kamloops, B.C.

TNRD Board of Directors Meeting

November 17, 2022, 1:30 pm – 5 pm

You can participate in all TNRD board and committee meetings in-person or online. Visit www.tnrd.ca/events to find the Zoom link and agenda for each meeting. Visit the TNRD YouTube page for recordings of previous meetings.

FIRESMART IN THE TNRD

The TNRD is pleased to have Jeremy Denny as the first Fire Training Officer and FireSmart Coordinator. Denny has been involved with Emergency Response for more than 20 years and has been in Fire Protection for 10 years. He maintains his boots-on-the-ground position as Captain and Training Officer for the Shuswap Fire Department. Denny also started the Columbia-Shuswap Regional District junior fire program in 2017.



As part of Jeremy's role, the TNRD will be developing and delivering a regional FireSmart program to all Electoral Areas. FireSmart is a national program with an abundance of resources, programs and training to help reduce the risk of interface fires for property owners and their communities.

FireSmart programming has been delivered by the TNRD, but capacity has been limited in recent years due to frequent activation of the Emergency Operations Centre and emergency recovery. This newly created position ensures we have the staff capacity to ensure FireSmart programming is improved and expanded.

Stay tuned in 2023 for new programs and supports available to TNRD residents, and welcome to Jeremy! www.tnrd.ca/firesmart

INVASIVE PLANT INFO

Did you know? All TNRD solid waste management facilities accept invasive plants, free of charge. (Do not dispose of invasive plants in compost or other organic material piles).

Please ensure that you:

1. Place all plant parts in clear industrial strength bags
2. Secure the bags prior to transport
3. Visit your nearest Eco-Depot or Transfer Station and dispose as directed by the site attendant

The Thompson-Nicola Invasive Plant Management Committee works towards protecting environmental, economic, and social values being impacted by invasive plant within the Thompson-Nicola Region. Learn more at www.tnrd.ca/invasive-plant-management.

VAVENBY OUTDOOR RINK UPGRADES

Exciting upgrades are taking place at the Vavenby Outdoor Rink!

The Vavenby Community Park rink surface has been closed for renovations since August 22, 2022. The rink surface is now being replaced, which will lead to a smoother and safer surface for users. The outdoor rink was first installed in 2005. A portion of this project is being funded through the Canada Community Building Fund.

We look forward to bringing the community an improved outdoor rink this winter!

FIRE HALL UPGRADES NOW COMPLETE

Both the Blackpool Fire Hall and Vavenby Fire Hall have seen significant upgrades undertaken this year, with the construction of an addition apparatus bay to safely store a Structural Protection Unit (SPU) and other equipment in both halls.

As a result of this project, the Blackpool Fire Hall now has an additional 1,232 square feet, while the Vavenby Fire Hall has grown by 1,407 square feet. With having an SPU trailer on hand, each fire hall can better protect assets such as homes, cabins, ranches and other structures within their response areas.

The cost to upgrade both halls was \$876,880, and these projects were funded entirely by the Canada Infrastructure Program COVID-19 Community Resiliency Stream.



YOUR LIBRARY NEWS

Each year, the TNRL holds a local residency program where we bring in a Canadian writer, musician, or screenwriter to host workshops for the public and work one-on-one with local writers and artists. This fall, we are pleased to have three talented musicians for our first ever Musician in Residence series: Jeremy Kneeshaw, Margit Gossage and Tina Hebner. For more information, please visit www.tnrl.ca/library-experiences.

Fall programs have begun at libraries throughout the TNRL! Visit your nearest library or go online to www.tnrl.ca/calendar to learn more.

MOBILE LIBRARY NEARBY STOPS (TO DEC. 31, 2022)

Every 3rd Wednesday
Starting July 13:



Little Fort Community Hall: 6:00 – 7:30 pm

Every 3rd Thursday
Starting July 14:

Vavenby Post Office: 12:30 – 2:00 pm

Vavenby School (during school yr): 2:15 – 2:45 pm

Birch Island, Dee's Store: 3:15 – 4:00 pm

LIBRARY DAYS OF OPERATION:

Barriere: Tuesday - Saturday

Blue River: Tuesday - Thursday, Saturday

Clearwater: Tuesday - Saturday

For all TNRL Hours and Locations, and the full Mobile Library schedule, visit:

www.tnrl.ca/locations.



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