



AREA "M"
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.

SMITH PIONEER PARK IMPROVEMENTS

Progress is continuing to be made on a significant improvement project at Smith Pioneer Park.

A number of upgrades have already been made or are expected to be made by the end of Fall 2022. These upgrades include new playground surfacing, a new picnic shelter, new court lines for pickleball, various landscaping and more. In 2023, upgrades that are planned at the park include a new bandshell, basketball court, outdoor fitness equipment, and improvements to the walking path and parking lot.

Smith Pioneer Park is the largest community park within the TNRD. We look forward to completing this project, and for the positive impacts that these upgrades will have on the community.



Questions? Contact TNRD Community Services: 250 377-8673 | csadmin@tnrd.ca

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.

LIBRARY DAYS OF OPERATION:

Logan Lake: Tuesday - Saturday

Merritt: Tuesday - Saturday

The Lower Nicola Mobile Library stop has been paused until Highway 8 has fully reopened.

For all TNRL Hours and Locations, and the full Mobile Library schedule, visit: www.tnrl.ca/locations.



GLORIOUS GARLIC!

The TNRD was pleased to take part in the return of the Lower Nicola Garlic Festival at Smith-Pioneer Park in late September. The festival returned after a two-year hiatus due to the COVID-19 pandemic, and featured live music, entertainment, local vendors, and, yes, lots of garlic.

The festival was hosted by the Lower Nicola Community Association with support from the TNRD. Directors of Electoral Areas "M" and "N" each contributed \$250 towards the festival, respectively, with funds from their annual Discretionary Funds budgets. Thank you to residents who attended the festival, and those who took the time to visit the TNRD information booth and speak with our staff!



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