

# SUN PEAKS INCORPORATION REFERENDUM

**January 30, 2010**



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## INCORPORATION PROCESS

- Incorporation Referendum is governed by the *Local Government Act* and by the Thompson-Nicola Regional District Elections Bylaws
- Elector Assent is required to incorporate a defined area as a municipality
  - Majority Decision - 50% plus 1

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## QUESTION ON THE BALLOT

- “Are you in favour of incorporating the community of Sun Peaks as a municipality?”  
YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_\_

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## VOTING INFORMATION

- **Advance Poll Dates (8:00 am to 8:00 pm)**
  - Wednesday, January 20, 2010 (Delta Hotel, Sun Peaks)
  - Saturday, January 23, 2010 (Delta Hotel, Sun Peaks)
  - Wednesday, January 27, 2010 (TNRD Office, Kamloops)
- **General Voting Day (8:00 am to 8:00 pm)**
  - Saturday, January 30, 2010 (Delta Hotel, Sun Peaks)
- **Mail Ballot Voting allowed**
  - January 11, 2010 to January 30, 2010

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## VOTING PROCESS

- Who gets to vote?
  - Qualified Electors who live or own property in the Sun Peaks defined area
- Voting Day Registration (No Voters List)
  - Electors are signing a statement under oath that they are qualified to vote in this incorporation process (separate oath for mail in ballots)

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## QUALIFIED ELECTORS

- Resident Electors
  - Age 18 or older on General Voting Day (GVD)
  - Canadian Citizen
  - Resident of BC for at least 6 months before GVD
  - Resident of area for at least 30 days before GVD
  - Not disqualified by Local Government Act or any other enactment

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## QUALIFIED ELECTORS

- **Non-Resident Property Owners**
  - Not entitled to vote as a Resident Elector
  - Age 18 or older on General Voting Day (GVD)
  - Canadian Citizen
  - Resident of BC for at least 6 months before GVD
  - Registered owner of real property in the area for 30 days before GVD
  - Not disqualified by Local Government Act or any other enactment

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## QUALIFIED ELECTORS

- **Resident**
  - If own additional properties in the defined area, may only vote once and must vote as a resident elector
- **Non-Resident Property Owners**
  - Property held in trust or by a Corporation is not eligible
  - Only 1 person registered on title may vote with written consent of majority of other owners
  - Entitled to vote for 1 parcel only regardless of number of parcels you may own

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## VOTER PROOF OF IDENTITY & RESIDENCE

- All Electors
  - Required to produce two (2) pieces of identification (at least one with signature) providing evidence of their identity and place of residency (e.g. BC Driver's Licence, BC Care Card, Social Insurance Card, Citizen Ship Card, etc.)
- A Non-Resident Elector will also be required to provide:
  - Written consent of a majority of the other owners
  - Evidence of ownership of the property (Tax Notice, Property Assessment Notice, State of Title Certificate, etc.)

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## MAIL BALLOT VOTING

- Who Can Vote By Mail:
  - Those persons who have a physical disability, illness or injury that affect their ability to vote at another voting opportunity
  - Persons who expect to be absent from the jurisdiction on GVD and at the times of all advance voting opportunities
  - A person must meet all voting requirements as a resident elector or non resident elector

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## MAIL BALLOT VOTING

- Mail Ballot Process

- Elector submits Mail Ballot Application Form
- Chief Election Officer processes Application Form
- Elector sent Mail Ballot Package
- Elector returns Mail Ballot Package to Chief Election Officer
- Chief Election Officer accepts or rejects package
- If accepted, ballot counted at close of voting on January 30

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## MAIL BALLOT VOTING

- Mail Ballot Package

- Ballot
- BALLOT Envelope (small)
- CERTIFICATION Envelope (medium)
- RETURN Envelope (large)
- Instructions
- Non Resident Property Consent Form
- List of Identification

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## MAIL BALLOT VOTING

- It is your responsibility to post the ballot in sufficient time for delivery to the TNRD offices by the close of business at 4:30 pm on Friday, January 29<sup>th</sup>, OR to arrange for the ballot to be hand delivered to the Delta Sun Peaks voting place, 3240 Village Way, Sun Peaks between 8:00 am and 8:00 pm on Saturday, January 30<sup>th</sup>.

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## QUESTIONS

- Mail Ballot Application Forms Available
- APPLY NOW – DO NOT WAIT
- Available After for Individual Questions

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