

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

TO: Board of Directors

FROM: J. Zaffino, Chief Administrative Officer

DATE: April 17, 2025

RE: **Assent Voting Official Results – Vote on Incorporation of Okanagan Falls**

Purpose:

To satisfy the requirements of the *Local Government Act* for the Chief Election Officer to submit a report of the assent voting results to the local government.

Reference:

Local Government Act sec. 158

Business Plan Objective:

4.0 Governance & Oversight in a Representative Democracy

Analysis:

Pursuant to Section 158 of the *Local Government Act*, the Chief Election Officer must submit a report of the assent voting results to the Local Government. The *Act* further states that in case of an assent voting by voting, the report must include a compilation of the information on the ballot accounts for the election. Schedule “A” is that ballot account for the Vote on Incorporation for Okanagan Falls.

Estimated number of eligible electors within the Okanagan Falls proposed municipality boundary: **2,031**

The Regional District uses day-of registration and does not maintain a voter's list.

Total number of valid votes cast: **1,100**

Yes: 588 (53.45%)

No: 512 (46.54%)

Total number of eligible electors: **2,031**

Yes: 588 (28.95%)

No: 512 (25.21%)

Total number of valid votes cast: **1,100**

54.16% of eligible electors

The breakdown for mail ballots is as follows:

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| Ballots Distributed | 49 |
| Ballots Returned | 41 |
| Ballots Not Returned | 6 |
| Ballots Returned Past March 22 | 2 |

A person may not cast their ballot in voting opportunities via the internet or over the telephone.

The Vote on Incorporation for Okanagan Falls election process was conducted in an accurate and transparent manner. I would like to acknowledge the Election Officials, both RDOS staff, former staff and others, who professionally contributed to the election process ensuring that the voting opportunity was held with the utmost integrity.

Communication Strategy:

Section 94.1 of the *Community Charter* states that notices must be placed in a newspaper that is distributed weekly, with notices placed once a week for two consecutive weeks.

Notice of Scrutineers, January 24 and 31

Notice of Advanced Voting, February 14 and 21

Notice of Assent Voting, March 7 and 14

Together with the statutory advertising requirements noted above additional notices were placed as follows:

Voyent Alert!, February 26; see below

Sandwich Board placed at the Okanagan Falls Office

Social Media posts, Facebook and Twitter

RDOS Regional Connections [webpage](#)

Zone - Incorporation Boundary

Issued Feb 26 2025 1:27PM PST

Total Active Time 25 days, 23 hours and 28 minutes

Description

Public notice is given to the electors within the proposed municipality of Okanagan Falls in the Province of British Columbia, that assent voting will be held on the following question:

"Are you in favour of incorporating Okanagan Falls as a municipality?"

Instructions

Advance voting will take place Wednesday, March 12 from 8:00 am to 8:00 pm at the RDOS main office, 101 Martin St, Penticton.

General voting will take place Saturday, March 22 from 8:00 am to 8:00 pm at the Okanagan Falls Recreation Centre, 1141 Cedar Street in Okanagan Falls.

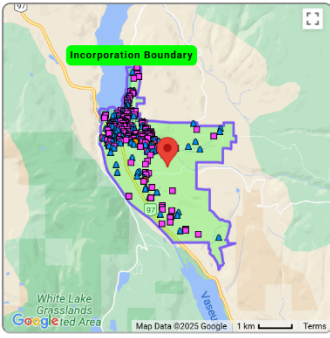
For further information, please visit rdosregionalconnections.ca or contact RDOS Legislative Services at 250-492-0237.

Additional Information

None Specified

1824 Notifications sent to this zone

| iOS | Android | SMS | Email | Phone Call |
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Will a PowerPoint presentation be presented at the meeting? No

Respectfully submitted:

"Diane Vaykovich"

Deputy Chief Election Officer, Incorporation

Endorsed by:

"Gillian Cramm"

G. Cramm, Acting Corporate Officer

Schedule A – Local Government Election Results