



# REFERENDUM

## Frequently Asked Questions

an expansion for all ages



### THE PROJECT



#### What is the proposed expansion?

The project vision is to build a flexible, multi-use facility for year-round active living. The proposed design will expand the current recreation centre to include an indoor field, which is an enclosed space covered with artificial grass, an elevated walking track and a hard-court gymnasium.

#### How would this expansion benefit me?

The proposed indoor field, walking track and gymnasium would provide opportunities for people of all ages, abilities, interests and fitness levels. There will be something for everyone. The list in the sidebar highlights some possible uses for the space – the options are almost unlimited!

#### What will it cost?

The estimated cost for the project is \$14.6 million, which includes design and construction. The estimated net operating costs for this expansion are \$150,000 per year. Through this referendum, the CRD is asking permission to borrow \$10 million for the project costs. We will look for grants and corporate sponsorships to cover the remaining \$4.6 million. To pay for the construction and operating costs of the project, residents would see a residential tax rate increase of up to \$65 per \$100,000 on the assessed value of land and improvements. The current residential taxation rate for South Cariboo recreation services is about \$55 per \$100,000.

#### ADVANCE VOTING OPPORTUNITIES

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(385 Birch Avenue)

**Wednesday, May 30**  
8 a.m. to 8 p.m.

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8 a.m. to 8 p.m.

#### GENERAL VOTING DAY

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Total Project Cost (Design & Construction)	\$14.6 million
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Through Borrowing</li> <li>Through Grants &amp; Sponsorships</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>\$10 million</li> <li>\$4.6 million</li> </ul>
Annual Net Operating Costs	\$150,000
Current Recreation Services Taxation	\$55 per \$100,000
Proposed Increase in Taxation	\$65 per \$100,000
Proposed Recreation Services Taxation (total)	\$120 per \$100,000

# ABOUT THE REFERENDUM



## Why is there going to be a referendum?

There are two parts to this answer. Ultimately, in order for the proposed expansion to move forward, the CRD has to conduct a referendum to get the authority to borrow money for the project.

Why the decision was made to go to a referendum? Following an even split of feedback during the project's public consultation and survey, the South Cariboo Joint Committee recommended the Cariboo Regional District conduct a referendum to truly put the expansion project before the voters. The results of the referendum will determine the outcome for the proposed South Cariboo Recreation Centre expansion.

## What will the referendum question be?

There will be two parts to the question on the referendum about adopting bylaws. The first part requests permission to borrow money for the expansion project. The second part requests permission to increase

the taxation limit for the South Cariboo Recreation Service, which will accommodate the borrowing and operating costs. Even though there are two parts to the question, residents will vote yes or no on the entire question (you can't vote yes for one part and no for the second).

## What will happen if the referendum is successful?

If the referendum is successful, \$4.6 million of grant funding needs to be secured before the project can move ahead to construction. Once sufficient grant funding is obtained, the CRD would then hire architectural, project management and construction contractors. If all these steps flow smoothly, construction could potentially start in 2019.

## What will happen if the referendum fails?

If the referendum fails, the CRD will not have the authority to borrow money for the proposed expansion. The expansion project would not move forward.

### The referendum question will be:

*"Are you in favour of the Cariboo Regional District adopting Bylaw 5130, which will authorize the borrowing of up to \$10 million over 20 years to build an indoor field, hard court gymnasium and walking track at the South Cariboo Recreation Centre; and*

*Bylaw 5129, which will increase the South Cariboo Recreation Service annual taxation limit to a maximum of the greater of \$1,800,000 or \$1.57/\$1,000 of assessed value of land and improvements?"*

*(The estimated annual cost to undertake this borrowing and operate the upgraded facility translates to a residential tax rate increase of approximately \$65 per \$100,000 of net taxable assessed value of land and improvements.)"*



# VOTING DETAILS

## Who can vote?

There are two types of voters. Resident and non-resident. There is no need to pre-register to vote, as the registration of all electors for voting will take place at the time of voting.

**Resident:** You can vote if you live in the South Cariboo Recreation Service Area (see the map attached). You **MUST** be a Canadian citizen, be at least 18 years old, have lived in BC for at least the last six months and in the area for at least the last 30 days.

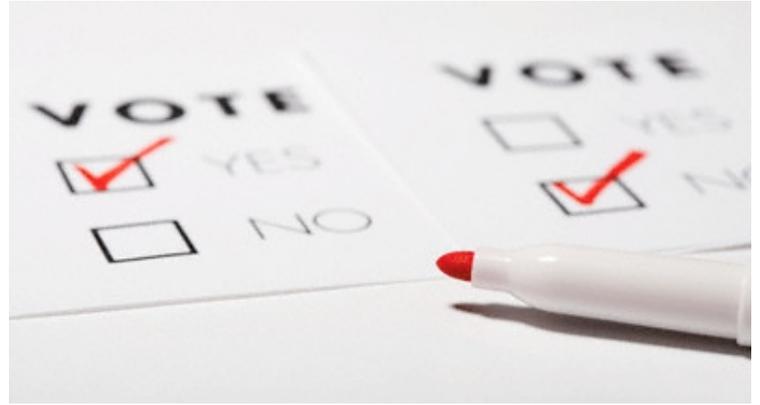
**Non-resident:** You can vote if you own property in the South Cariboo Recreation Service Area, but live elsewhere in BC. You must also be a Canadian citizen, be at least 18 years old, and have lived in BC for at least the last six months. For non-resident voters, there are additional documentation requirements that may need to be completed before the day you vote. Contact the Chief or Deputy Chief Election Officer prior to voting day for more details.

## What do I bring?

Please bring at least two pieces of ID. One of them must have a signature. Between the two, they should prove your address, but if you do not have something with your current address you are allowed to make a formal declaration of residency. Picture identification is not necessary. Typical examples of ID that people use are driver's license, BCID, firearms license, CareCard, credit card, SIN, status card, bank card, etc. Even a utility bill will work as a secondary piece of ID.

## What if I will be away on all three voting opportunities, or I am physically unable to attend?

Mail ballot voting is available. You can request a mail ballot by phoning the Chief or Deputy Chief Election Officer starting on May 15, 2018 until 4 p.m. on June 7, 2018. A mail ballot package will be sent to you starting around May 25, 2018, and you are able to drop it off or mail it back. It must be received by the Chief Election Officer no later than 8 p.m. on June 9, 2018 to be counted. Information on requesting a mail ballot package is available on the CRD website.



## When and where can I vote?

There are two advance voting opportunities, in addition to general voting day. Consider voting in advance to spend less time waiting in line on general voting day.

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Call or email:  
(250) 392-3351 or 1-800-665-1636

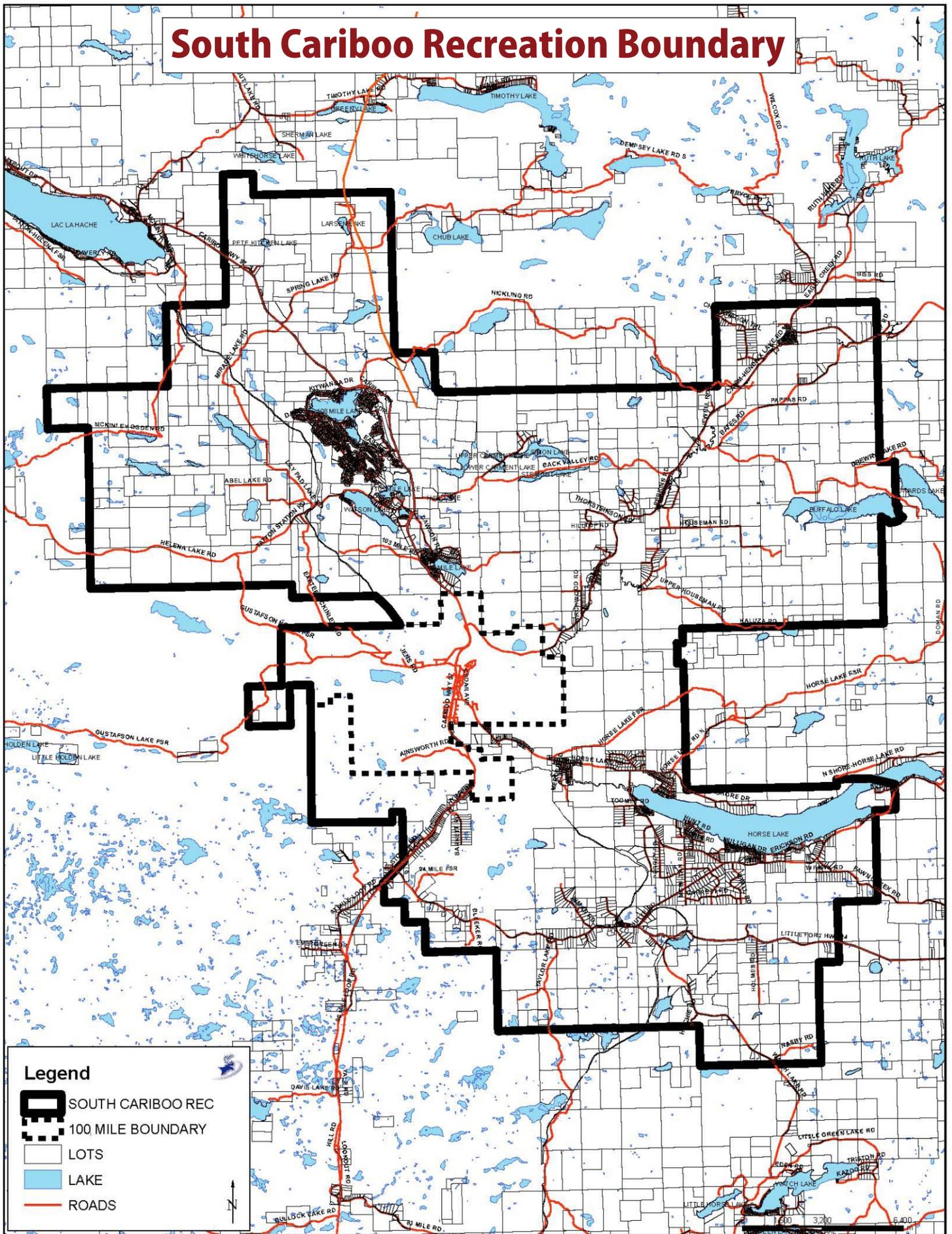
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District of 100 Mile House

# South Cariboo Recreation Boundary



## Legend

-  SOUTH CARIBOO REC
-  100 MILE BOUNDARY
-  LOTS
-  LAKE
-  ROADS