



Fact Sheet

Regional District of Okanagan-Similkameen

Kaleden Sewer Extension Referendum

Kaleden Extension of the Okanagan Falls Sewer Service Establishment Bylaw No. 2889, 2020

Kaleden Extension of the Okanagan Falls Sewer Service Loan Authorization Bylaw No. 2890, 2020

The purpose:

- A primary objective of the Kaleden Extension sewer project is to replace existing septic systems with a community sewage collection system and connect into the wastewater treatment facility in Okanagan Falls.

The solution:

- Authorize the Regional District to establish a service for the provision of a sewer extension to Kaleden from the Okanagan Falls Sewer Service area.
- Authorize the Regional District to borrow **up to** \$4,040,000.

Who:

- Properties in the new service area.
- An interactive map will assist in determining whether a property is within the service area.

The cost:

The Regional District loan authorization bylaw specifies a maximum amount of \$4.04 million however, the final borrowing amount may be less. In presenting the cost to each property, the maximum borrowing amount is used for calculations. These calculations are conservative estimates have been updated based on the current Municipal Finance Authority interest rates for borrowing. The costs previously presented used a 2.58% interest rate; the updated costs utilize a 2.99% interest rate.

Maximum Project Cost (Utilizing Maximum Grant and Borrowing Amount)	\$ 10,265,824
Maximum Borrowing Amount	\$ 4,040,000
Annual MFA Debenture (2.99% for 30 years)	\$ 216,541
Estimated Annual OBWB Sewer Facilities Assistance Grant	\$ 32,851
Remaining Debenture for Property Taxes	\$ 183,690
Number of Properties	150
Estimated Annual Cost per Property	\$ 1225

Note that the Estimated Annual Cost per property was previously up to \$1,330 based on the 2.58% interest rate from Municipal Finance Authority and without the Okanagan Basin Water Board Sewer Facilities Assistance Grant included.

Informing the community:

- Project website www.kaledensewer.ca
- Electronic town hall meetings on Tuesday, April 13, 2021 and Monday May 17, 2021 at 6:00 pm
- Advertised in Penticton Western News (a requirement of the *Local Government Act*)
- Notices posted on community bulletin boards and RDOS social media ([Twitter](#) and [Facebook](#))
- Information page on RDOS website: www.rdos.bc.ca



Voting in the Referendum:

Assent voting (referendum) is conducted in a similar manner to local government elections. You are eligible to vote if you qualify as a resident elector (i.e., you live in the proposed service area and meet the requirements for residency, OR a non-resident property elector (i.e., you live elsewhere in BC but own property in the proposed service area).

Corporations are not eligible to vote; however, tenants who meet the criteria for resident elector may be eligible to vote.

Please visit www.rdosregionalconnections.ca or call the RDOS for information about non-resident property elector forms and eligibility.

An application for mail-in ballots must be completed and submitted in order to receive a mail-in ballot package. The RDOS will begin sending out mail-in ballot packages commencing in late April. Ballot packages MUST be received by the Chief Election Officer at 101 Martin Street before 4:30 p.m. on Friday, June 4, 2021.

Voting Day is Saturday, June 5, 2021 from 8:00 am to 8:00 pm at the Kaleden Community Hall, 320 Lakehill Road, Kaleden. Mail-in ballot packages delivered directly to the Chief Election Officer will also be accepted. Any ballot packages received after 8:00 pm on Saturday, June 5, 2021 will NOT be counted.

On Wednesday, May 26, 2021, advance voting will take place at the Regional District office (101 Martin Street in Penticton) from 8:00 am to 8:00 pm.

The question you will be asked to vote on:

“Are you in favour of the Regional District of Okanagan-Similkameen adopting Kaleden Extension of the Okanagan Falls Sewer Service Establishment Bylaw No. 2889, 2020 to create a service for the infrastructure required for the collection and conveyance of sewer effluent in a portion of the Kaleden area of the Regional District;

-AND-

Kaleden Extension of the Okanagan Falls Sewer Service Loan Authorization Bylaw No. 2890, 2020 to authorize the long-term borrowing of up to \$4,040,000 (four million, forty thousand dollars) for the construction of the Kaleden extension of the Okanagan Falls sewer system?”

Taxation notes:

- There will be no tax implications until 2022.

COVID-19 protocols:

- The RDOS encourages all eligible voters to consider submitting mail-in ballots in order to minimize in-person attendance at the polling station at Kaleden Community Hall. Due to additional COVID-19 safety measures, delays and longer wait times are anticipated.
- Please do not attend the polling station if you are experiencing cold, flu or COVID-19 symptoms; if you travelled outside of Canada within the last 14 days; or provided care or had close contact with a person with COVID-19.
- Please wear a mask and maintain physical distancing at all times.
- Verbal oath will be taken in place of a written oath.
- Please bring two valid pieces of identification, one with a signature, to prove both residency and identity.
- Please be patient with polling officials. They are working to get you through efficiently and safely.

For further information about the assent process (referendum) and voter eligibility, please contact RDOS Legislative Services at 250-492-0237 or refer to www.rdos.bc.ca