

## **Boston Bar Firehall Assent Voting Opportunity (‘Referendum’) Questions & Answers**

### **What is an Assent Voting Opportunity?**

An Assent Voting Opportunity (also called a ‘referendum’) is a vote held to ask the community a question. The vote is a “yes” or “no” answer.

### **What are we voting on?**

The lease for the current location of the Boston Bar Firehall expires at the end of May 2022, and there is a desire to purchase property that will become the new home of the Boston Bar Firehall.

The FVRD has an accepted offer to purchase the land and buildings at 47715 Alder Road, Boston Bar, BC, to house the Boston Bar Firehall. The purchase price of this property is \$325,000. The FVRD has monies in reserve to put towards this purchase but would still need to borrow funds for an amount of up to \$170,000 to complete the purchase.

Before these funds can be borrowed, the FVRD must hold a vote to ask the electors if they are in favour of borrowing up to \$170,000 to purchase the land and buildings at 47715 Alder Road Boston Bar, BC.

The following question will be on the voting ballot:

“Are you in favour of the Fraser Valley Regional District adopting the Boston Bar and North Bend Fire Protection Loan Authorization Bylaw No. 1629, 2021 to authorize the borrowing of up to \$170,000 for the purpose of purchasing land and buildings located at 47715 Alder Road, Boston Bar, BC for the purpose of a new fire hall to serve the Boston Bar and North Bend fire protection service area?”

### **Who does this affect?**

This Assent Voting Opportunity affects all property owners within the Boston Bar and North Bend Fire Protection Service Area.

### **How much will this cost?**

The proposed loan will authorize the FVRD to borrow up to \$170,000 to purchase 47715 Alder Road. Based on a loan of \$170,000, spread out over 10 years, the table below shows the yearly increase to your property taxes based on your 2021 BC Assessment property values:

<i>Property Value</i>	<i>Yearly increase</i>
Average property (valued at \$121,169)	\$27.10
Residential property assessed at \$50,000	\$10.73
Residential property assessed at \$100,000	\$21.46
Residential property assessed at \$150,000	\$32.19
Residential property assessed at \$200,000	\$42.92

### **When will the vote be held?**

Advanced voting will take place on **Wednesday, November 10**, and general voting will take place on **Saturday, November 20**. Voting will take place in person both days at Canyon Lanes Bowling Alley in Boston Bar between 8am and 8pm.

Advertising setting out full details will be placed in the Hope Standard newspaper at the end of October and early November. Copies of the advertising will also be posted at community hubs throughout the Boston Bar and North Bend communities.

### **I don't want to vote in person. Can I vote by mail?**

Yes. The option to vote by mail is available and may be requested before 4:30 pm on November 8, 2021, by calling the Chief Election Officer at 604-702-5023. For more information on voting by mail, visit [www.fvrd.ca](http://www.fvrd.ca)

**For questions about the purchase of 47715 Alder Road, contact Jennifer Kinneman, Chief Administrative Officer at 604-702-5056.**

**For questions about voting, contact Jaime Van Nes, Chief Election Officer at 604-702-5023.**