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North Cariboo Arena Replacement Referendum June 14 Advance Polls June 4 and 9 at Quesnel City Hall

North Cariboo – Residents within the North Cariboo Recreation and Parks service boundary will be heading to the polls to vote on a proposed North Cariboo Arena Replacement project that would see a 1,600 seat arena with a regulation size ice surface and dry floor space to support arena programs and events. The new arena would feature a structural steel building with wood architectural elements, located adjacent to the existing arenas.

Residents will be asked the following question at the advance polls and general voting day:

“Are you in favour of the Cariboo Regional District adopting Loan Authorization Bylaw 4905 to borrow up to \$7.5 million over 20 years to provide for the construction of a new arena as part of the North Cariboo Recreation and Parks Service?”

Based on 2014 assessed values, the estimated annual cost to undertake this borrowing translates to a residential tax rate of \$26/\$100,000 of the net taxable assessed value of land and improvements.

There are two advance voting opportunities, in addition to general voting day. Residents are encouraged to take advantage of these advance voting opportunities because there is lower voter turn-out on these days and therefore less time spent waiting in line. Both advance voting opportunities will take place in the CD Hoy Room in Quesnel City Hall on Wednesday, June 4 and Monday, June 9, from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.

General voting day is Saturday, June 14, from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. at the following locations:

Red Bluff School,
1533 Maple Drive, Quesnel

Barlow Creek Elementary School,
816 Barkerville Hwy, Quesnel

Parkland Community Hall,
5016 Bjornson Road, Quesnel

West Fraser Fire Hall,
243 Jackpine Flats Road, Quesnel

Bouchie Lake Elementary School,
2074 Blackwater Road, Quesnel

Quesnel Legion Branch #94,
262 Kinchant Street, Quesnel

When heading to the polls, you must 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.

All eligible North Cariboo residents are strongly encouraged to participate in this important referendum.

Questions about the voting process should be directed to the Cariboo Regional District's Chief Election Officer, Alice Johnston (ajohnston@cariboord.bc.ca) at (250) 392-3351 or 1-800-665-1636 or Deputy Chief Election Officer, Gina Albers (galbers@quesnel.ca), from the City of Quesnel at 250-992-2111.

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