



**REGIONAL DISTRICT
of Fraser-Fort George**

**Community
Services**



VALEMOUNT CURLING CLUB SERVICE ASSENT VOTE INFORMATION SUMMARY

PUBLIC INFORMATION MEETING

The Regional District is hosting a public information meeting to make a presentation and answer questions about the proposed curling rink service and upcoming assent vote.

Meeting Venue: Valemount Curling Rink

Address: 98 Elm Street, Valemount, BC

Time: 7:00 pm

Date: September 14, 2017

PURPOSE OF THE ASSENT VOTE

To give eligible voters the opportunity to show if they are in favour of the establishment of a taxable service that will provide funding to replace the Valemount Curling Club ice plant, to make necessary building repairs and improvements and to provide annual operational funds to the Curling Club.

BACKGROUND

The Valemount Curling Club requested assistance from the Regional District of Fraser-Fort George to evaluate the feasibility of establishing a taxable service to support the Curling Club facility and its operations. A committee comprised of Curling Club members and representatives from the Village of Valemount and Regional District of Fraser-Fort George completed the study and presented the results at a public information meeting in Valemount on May 8th, 2017. The Regional Board has since approved authorizing participating area approval to be given by assent of the electors (assent vote).

PROPOSAL

The Steering Committee is proposing that a taxable service be established that would support a proposal where:

- the Regional District would own the Curling Club Facility;
- a long-term lease would be entered into between the Regional District and the Curling Club giving the Club full rights to manage and operate the Facility;
- the Regional District would give the Curling Club an annual grant through a contributory taxable service and the Curling Club would manage the funding of the facility's operations through this grant;
- funds would be borrowed to make necessary repairs and improvements to the facility to meet the BC Building Code for an assembly occupancy building;
- funds would be borrowed to replace the current 60 year old ice plant to increase efficiency, use less energy and water, resulting in operational cost savings.

ELIGIBLE VOTERS WILL BE ASKED TO CONSIDER THE FOLLOWING:

- establish the Valemount Curling Club Service within the Village of Valemount and participating area of Electoral Area H (see map);
- approve a maximum annual tax requisition limit of the greater of \$64,350 or the amount obtained by applying a property tax value tax rate of \$.213/\$1,000 against the net taxable value of land and improvements within the service area;
- approve the borrowing of no more than \$95,690 for the purpose of making capital improvements to the Curling Club Facility;

Additional information:

The maximum annual operating budget of \$64,350 includes an annual contribution to be made to the Curling Club to cover their operating costs including taxes, insurance, and utilities. In addition, the Regional District will set funds aside in a reserve to cover future capital expenses and will need to make annual borrowing payments. The borrowing payments will be over a twenty-five year term and once the term is concluded, the budget may be reduced accordingly.

The capital budget covers the cost of replacing the current 60 year old ice plant which is at its end of life and replacing it with a more energy efficient, environmentally friendly ice plant. An inspection of the building determined that a significant amount of repairs and improvements including incorporating accessible design principles need to be completed. The total capital budget being proposed is \$284,340.

Grants (including community works funding) have been conditionally approved totalling \$188,650 to date which reduces the amount to be borrowed to \$95,690. These grants are only applicable if the taxable service is established.

TAXATION IMPACT

Taxation will be based on the net taxable value of land and improvement assessments within the proposed service area. The proposed residential tax levy is based on maximum capital borrowing of \$95,690 over a twenty-five year term and an operating budget of \$64,350, equating to \$.1340 per \$1,000 of assessments. A residential property that has been assessed at \$100,000 will see an annual tax impact of \$13.40.

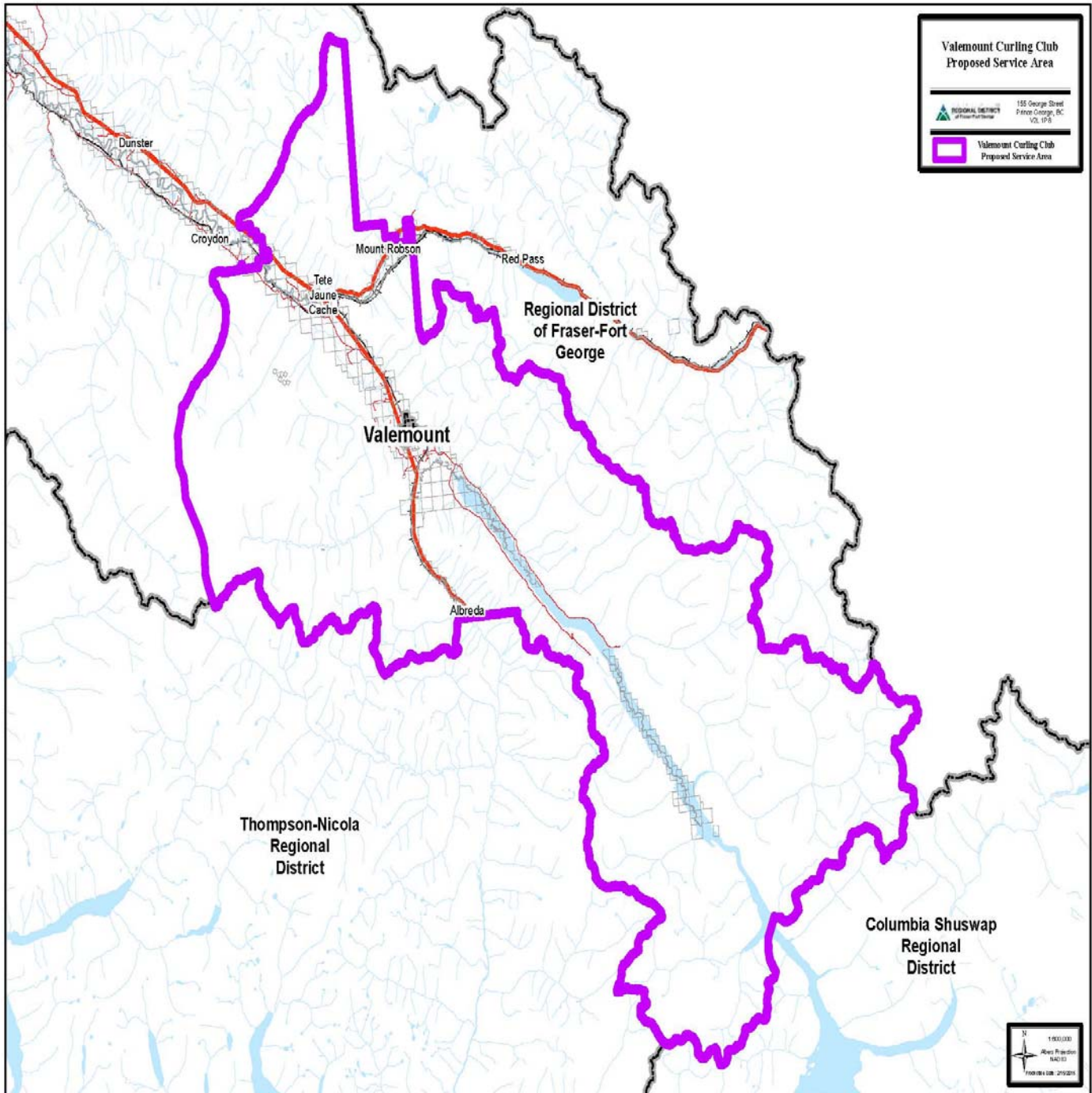
Taxation Impact on All Assessment Classes:

Assessment Class	Tax Rate per \$1,000	Tax based on \$100,000 Assessment
Residential, Recreation/Non-Profit, Farm	.1340	\$13.40
Utility	.4690	\$46.90
Major & Light Industry	.4556	\$45.56
Business/Other	.3283	\$32.83

AREA AFFECTED

The service area boundary for the proposed curling club service includes those properties within the boundary outlined in the following map:

PROPOSED VALEMOUNT CURLING CLUB SERVICE AREA



VOTING INFORMATION

Further information pertaining specifically to the assent vote will be advertised in local newspapers in August and September 2017, available on the Regional District website, www.rdffg.bc.ca, or by calling Karla Jensen, Chief Elections Officer, at the Regional District office at 250-960-4400 or 1-800-667-1959. The Notice of Voting and copies of the bylaws will also be available for viewing at the Village of Valemount Office. **Receipt of this information summary does not confirm that the recipient will be eligible to vote in the assent vote.**

VOTING QUALIFICATIONS

To be eligible to vote on this proposal, individuals must meet the following criteria:

- Canadian Citizen.
- Be 18 years of age or older on general voting date.
- Resident of British Columbia for at least six (6) months at the time of registration.
- Resident of, or registered owner of, real property within the proposed service area for at least thirty (30) days immediately preceding voting day.
- Not otherwise disqualified by law from voting.

Elector registration will be done at time of voting. There is no advance registration for voting purposes.

VOTING OPPORTUNITIES

GENERAL VOTING DAY: Saturday, September 30, 2017, 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

ADVANCE VOTING DAY: Wednesday, September 20, 2017, 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

VOTING LOCATIONS: TBA

Information about the proposed new service is available on the Regional District website at www.rdffg.bc.ca. There you will find voting information, the feasibility study approved by the Regional District, previous mailouts, and Regional District board reports regarding the proposed service. Questions can also be directed to our office to:

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