

REGIONAL DISTRICT OF OKANAGAN-SIMILKAMEEN

NOTICE OF ADVANCED VOTING - ASSENT VOTING

VOTE ON THE INCORPORATION OF OKANAGAN FALLS

PUBLIC NOTICE is given to the electors within the proposed **Municipality of Okanagan Falls** in the Province of British Columbia as defined on the map below, that assent voting will be held on the following question:

“Are you in favour of incorporating Okanagan Falls as a municipality?”

Voting Dates and Locations	
ADVANCE VOTING:	WEDNESDAY, MARCH 12, 2025 8:00 am to 8:00 pm Regional District of Okanagan-Similkameen 101 Martin Street, Penticton, BC
GENERAL VOTING:	SATURDAY, MARCH 22, 2025 8:00 am to 8:00 pm Okanagan Falls Recreation Centre 1141 Cedar Street, Okanagan Falls, BC

Elector Registration	
There is no need to pre-register to vote as the registration of qualified electors will take place at the time of voting. You will be required to make a declaration that you meet the following requirements:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 18 years of age or older on assent voting day• Canadian citizen• resident of BC for at least 6 months immediately before the day of registration• resident of OR registered owner of real property in the Proposed Municipality of Okanagan Falls for at least 30 days immediately before the day of registration, and• not disqualified under the <i>Local Government Act</i> or any other enactment from voting in the assent voting and not otherwise disqualified by law.	

Resident electors must produce **2 pieces of identification** (at least one with a signature). Picture identification is not necessary. The identification must prove both residency and identity.

Non-resident property electors must produce 2 pieces of identification (at least one with a signature) to prove identity, provide proof that they are entitled to register in relation to the property, and, if there is more than one owner, provide written consent from a majority of the property owners to one owner voting.

Mail Ballot Voting

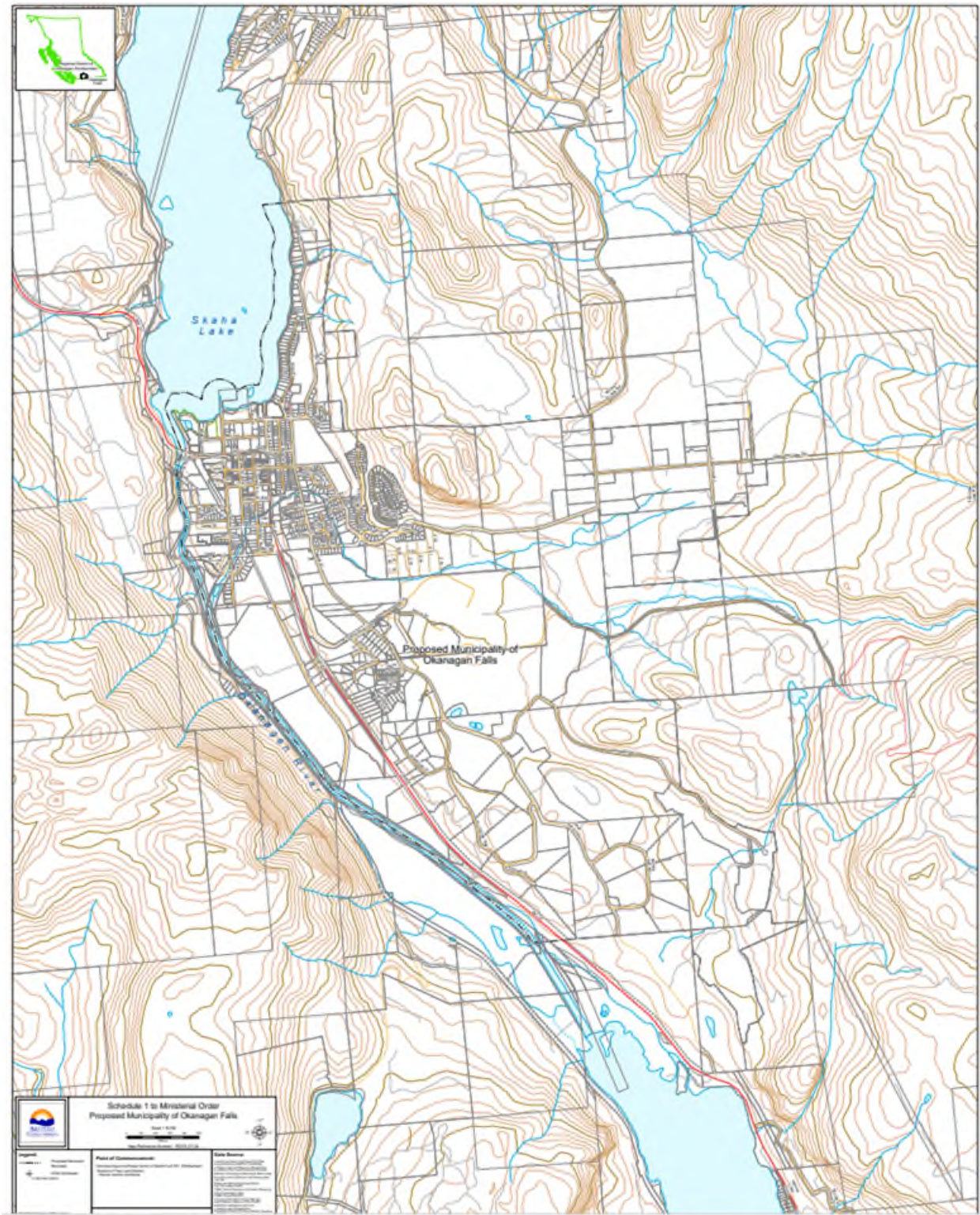
REQUESTING A MAIL BALLOT PACKAGE:
Mail-in ballot packages can be requested by filling out the Application for Mail-In Ballot Package form. Forms are available at rdosregionalconnections.ca, in-person at the RDOS office (101 Martin Street, Penticton), in-person at the RDOS Economic Development/Community Services Office (1109 Willow Street, Okanagan Falls) or by emailing elections@rdos.bc.ca. Your mail ballot package will contain instructions on completing and returning your mail ballot.

- Information Required:
1. Full name;
 2. Residential address;
 3. Address of the property in relation to which you are voting (for non-resident property electors);
 4. Method of delivery of your mail ballot package:
 - pick up at the Regional District of Okanagan-Similkameen office;
 - regular letter mail through Canada Post to residential address; OR
 - regular letter mail through Canada Post to an alternate address provided when requesting the mail ballot package.
 5. Two pieces of identification that together prove who you are and where you live. A combined BC Driver’s Licence/Services Card is considered one piece of identification.

For the mail ballot to be counted you are responsible for ensuring that your completed ballot is received at the:

- Regional District main office no later than 4:30 pm on March 21, 2025; or
- Okanagan Falls Recreation Centre, 1141 Cedar Street, Okanagan Falls between the hours of 8:00 am and 8:00 pm on Saturday, March 22, 2025.

Map of Service Area



Order of the Minister of Municipal Affairs Synopsis

The Minister of Housing and Municipal Affairs, of the Province of British Columbia ordered that:

1. A vote be taken to determine whether the electors of the area of Okanagan Falls are in favour of the proposed incorporation as a new municipality.
2. The vote will be taken on Saturday, March 22, 2025.
3. The vote will be conducted in accordance with Part 4 of the *Local Government Act* and the Regional District of Okanagan-Similkameen Election Procedure Bylaw No. 2798, 2018.
4. For the purpose of the vote, the area of the proposed incorporation of the community of Okanagan Falls is shown on the map entitled “Proposed Municipality of Okanagan Falls”, RDOS-07-04.
5. The question on the ballot will be:
“Are you in favour of incorporating Okanagan Falls as a municipality?”

TAKE NOTICE that the above is a synopsis of the Ministerial Order and that this synopsis is not intended to be and is not to be understood as an interpretation of the Ministerial Order. The Ministerial Order may be inspected at the Regional District of Okanagan-Similkameen office, 101 Martin Street, Penticton, BC, during regular office hours, 8:30 am to 4:30 pm, Monday to Friday or online at rdosregionalconnections.ca.

For further information on the bylaws or the voting process, please contact

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