

**REGIONAL DISTRICT OF OKANAGAN-SIMILKAMEEN
MAIL BALLOT VOTING INFORMATION**

Sage Mesa Water System Service 2026 Assent Voting

1. WHO CAN VOTE BY MAIL?

On Saturday, April 11, 2026, from 8:00 am to 8:00 pm, the Regional District of Okanagan-Similkameen will hold a vote on Sage Mesa Water System Service Establishment and Loan Authorization Bylaws.

Any eligible elector may vote by mail.

2. WHO IS ELIGIBLE TO VOTE?

You are allowed to vote if you are registered as:

- a resident elector (i.e., you live in the proposed service area), OR
- a non-resident property elector (i.e., you live elsewhere in BC but own property in the proposed service area); AND

Meet the following criteria:

ELECTOR QUALIFICATIONS:

RESIDENT ELECTORS:

- 18 years of age or older on general voting day for the assent voting; and
- a Canadian citizen; and,
- a resident of British Columbia for at least 6 months immediately before the assent voting; and,
- a resident of the proposed service area; and,
- not disqualified under the *Local Government Act* or any other enactment from voting in an election or otherwise disqualified by law.

NON-RESIDENT PROPERTY ELECTORS:

- 18 years of age or older on general voting day for the assent voting; and,
- a Canadian citizen; and,
- a resident of British Columbia for at least 6 months immediately before the assent voting (October 10, 2025); and,
- a registered owner of real property in the proposed service area for at least 30 days immediately before the assent voting (March 11, 2026); and,
- not entitled to register as a resident elector; and
 - the only persons who are registered owners of the real property, either as joint tenants or tenants in common, are individuals who are not holding the property in trust for a corporation or another trust; and
 - not disqualified under the *Local Government Act* or any other enactment from voting in an election or otherwise disqualified by law; and
 - **if there is more than one registered owner of the property, only one of those individuals may, with the written consent of the majority of the owners, register as a non-resident property elector.**
- **A person may register as a non-resident property elector only in relation to ONE parcel of real property in the proposed service area.**

3. HOW DO YOU REGISTER TO VOTE?

You must register at the time of requesting your ballot.

If you wish to confirm whether you reside or own property within the proposed service area, contact the Regional District of Okanagan-Similkameen office at 250-490-0237 or email elections@rdos.bc.ca.

4. REQUESTING A MAIL BALLOT PACKAGE

Before 9:00 am on Thursday, April 9, 2026 you must submit the following information to the Regional District of Okanagan-Similkameen office (by mail, fax to 250-492-0063, or email to elections@rdos.bc.ca)

You must complete the Application for Mail-in Ballot Package. www.rdosregionalconnections.ca and provide Copies of two (2) pieces of identification (Combined BC Driver's License/Services card is considered one piece of identification)

The Regional District of Okanagan-Similkameen will send out mail ballot packages commencing on or about February 17, 2026. To be counted for the assent voting, your mail ballot must be received by the Chief Election Officer at 101 Martin Street, Penticton, no later than 4:30 p.m. on April 10, 2026, or received by the Presiding Election Official at West Bench Elementary School, 1604 West Bench Drive, Penticton, between 8:00 am and 8:00 pm on April 11, 2026.

5. CONTACT INFORMATION

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