

FAQs – Construction of New Kawkawa Lake Road Bridge Other Voting

Electors within the District of Hope may vote Saturday March 13, 2010, on the following question:

*“Are you in favour of the District of Hope adopting Kawkawa Lake Bridge Loan Authorization Bylaw No. 1288, 2009 to authorize the borrowing of up to \$5,000,000 for the District’s share of costs to construct a new Kawkawa Lake Road bridge? **YES or NO?**”*

Do I need identification in order to vote? Yes. You must have two pieces of identification (ID). The ID must show your residential address and one of them must have your signature. If your ID does not show your residential address, you can make what is called a "solemn declaration" as to your residence. The voting official will have the form you need to use to make that declaration.

I moved here two weeks before General Voting Day; can I vote? No. you must have resided in Hope for 30 days to be eligible to vote.

I won't be here on General Voting Day; how can I vote? **Advance Voting** is Wednesday March 3, 2010 and Wednesday March 10, 2010 from 8:00 am to 8:00 pm at the offices of the District of Hope 325 Wallace Street, Hope, BC.

I own a company in Hope; do I get an extra vote? No. Local government voting rights are granted to citizens, on the basis of residency or property ownership. There is no corporate vote in British Columbia.

I am a British subject; can I vote? It depends on whether you are also a Canadian citizen; only Canadian citizens can vote.

I don't live in Hope, but I own property; can I vote? If you are a resident of British Columbia, own property in Hope and are otherwise qualified, you may be able to vote as a non-resident property elector. If you own the property with other non-resident electors, only one of you can vote. You must have the written consent of the other owners to cast the ballot. If you own property along with a corporation, then none of the owners of the property are eligible to vote. If you own more than one piece of property in Hope, you may only vote in relation to one.

Can I take someone into the voting booth to help me? Only one person may be in a voting booth at a time, unless the voter is someone who needs assistance, such as a translator or other helper. Or, if you are caring for someone at the time you cast your ballot, the presiding election official may allow you to have that person in the booth with you as you are casting your ballot. Check with the presiding election official on the day of voting.

Am I allowed to assist someone who has a physical disability or other difficulty? Yes, but you must sign a written statement about your assistance, and, if you are not an election official, a solemn declaration will be required. Check with the presiding election official at the time of voting.

How do I vote? Electronic voting machines will be used for the Construction of New Kawkawa Lake Road Bridge voting. The units are accurate, simple to use, and produce preliminary voting results within minutes after the close of voting.

To vote, go to the voting booth and follow the instructions on the ballot. When you are finished marking the ballot, take it to the electronic voting machine. Feed your ballot into the electronic voting machine. Staff will assist you if you have a problem.

For questions regarding voting and voter registration contact Heather Stevenson, Deputy Chief Election Officer, District of Hope 325 Wallace Street, Hope, BC, Telephone 604-869-5671 or toll-free 1-866-226-4673.