



Village of **PEMBERTON** | *Community Update*



PHOTO BY DAVE STEERS
Warm up after trick-or-treating this Halloween with fireworks at Signal Hill Elementary! The Lions Society will be serving up hot dogs and hot chocolate at this P.A.C.A organized event, which kicks off at 8pm on Friday, October 31st with the fireworks set to go at 8:30pm.

ELECTION 2008

Voting Day for the Village of Pemberton 2008 General Local Elections takes place on Saturday, November 15, 2008 from 8am - 8pm at the New Pemberton Community Centre, 7390 Cottonwood Street. An **ADVANCE VOTING** opportunity will be held on Wednesday, November 5, 2008, from 8am - 8pm at the Village of Pemberton Office, 7400 Prospect Street.

Who Can Vote?

There are two types of eligible voters: Resident Electors and Non-Resident Property Owners.

Both Resident Electors and Non-Resident Property Owners must:

- Be 18 years of age or older,
- Be a Canadian citizen,
- have lived in BC for at least six months before registering to vote.

Additionally, Resident Electors must be residents of the Village of Pemberton for at least 30 days before they register to vote, and Non-Resident Property Owners must have owned real property in the Village of Pemberton for at least 30 days.

How Do I Register to Vote?

The VoP uses voting-day only registration. Attend the polling station with **TWO** pieces of identification; at least one should have a signature. Photo ID is not necessary. Your ID needs to prove both **WHERE YOU LIVE** and **WHO YOU ARE**. If you do not have ID with your residential address on it, please also bring a piece of mail, such as a hydro or phone bill, which does.

Non-Resident Property Owners no longer need to produce a non-resident property elector certificate. In addition to two pieces of identification, you will be required to provide a legal description of the real property. If you are one of two

or more owners, the majority of owners must designate - in writing - one owner as the non-resident property elector for that property, as only one non-resident property owner may vote for each property.

How Do I Know Who the Candidates Are?

The Candidates List has been published in the local papers and is also available online at www.pemberton.ca. Candidate Nomination Papers are also available for public viewing online at www.pemberton.ca

I just moved to Pemberton, but my address has not been changed. Can I still vote?

If you moved to the Village of Pemberton before October 15 2008, you are eligible to vote in this election. Bring two pieces of identification, plus a piece of mail with your residential address to prove you live in the Village.

I have a company or business in town, but I do not live in town. Can I vote?

Only if you own the property on which your company or business is located and your company/business is not in a corporate name (i.e. ABC Ltd).

I own property somewhere else in British Columbia. Can I vote there also?

Yes. As a non-resident property owner - if you own property in one place but live in another - you have the right to vote both where you live and where you own the property.

You may only vote once in a single jurisdiction, even if you own more than one property in that area.

For further information on the 2008 Election, including specifics on voter eligibility or identification requirements, please contact Kathleen Angelski, Chief Election Officer at 604.894.6135, ext 237, or kangelski@pemberton.ca.

REFERENDUM QUESTION 2008

When Pemberton electors go to the polls this November, they will also be voting on the following question:

“Are you in favour of a boundary extension to include the Hillside area, the Pemberton Creek Watershed, the lands along Airport Road, and the lands south of Rutherford Creek within the Village of Pemberton Boundaries? Yes or No”

Boundary Extension Areas

Over time, communities grow and change. As a result, municipal boundaries sometimes must be extended to reflect altered circumstances and community desires.

At its Council meeting on April 15, 2008, the Village of Pemberton Council passed a resolution to pursue an extension to the Village boundaries.

The justification for investigating boundary extension varies from area to area. Rationale includes providing for a potential new settlement growth area as identified in the Pemberton & Area Sub-Regional Land Use Planning Study, the draft Electoral Area Official Community Plan, and the Squamish-Lillooet Regional District's draft Regional Growth Strategy; jurisdictional control over the Pemberton Creek watershed; planning control over the highway corridor

leading into the Village from the south; a more balanced assessment base by including Rutherford Power Plant, and capturing up to \$180,000 in assessed Provincial Rural Taxes that currently go to Victoria instead of staying in the Pemberton Community; and an equitable fit between boundaries and service areas.

For more information on boundary extension and to view the Boundary Extension Interim Report, please visit www.pemberton.ca

Wishing everyone a SAFE and HAPPY Halloween! If you are going to use fireworks, please do with caution in a safe location:

DO! Read and follow label instructions, keep a bucket of water handy and wear eye protection. Dispose of used fireworks properly by first soaking them in water.

DON'T! Re-light a “dud” firework (instead, wait 20 minutes and then soak it in a bucket of water). Never give fireworks to children, carry fireworks in your pocket, or throw or point them at people.

