

# MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS

## November 2008

*SPECIAL  
NOTICE*

### **Northern Rockies Regional Municipality Referendum**

There will be a very important referendum ballot at the November polls. Citizens of the Town of Fort Nelson and the Northern Rockies Regional District will be asked if they want to combine, to form a singletier government - the Northern Rockies Regional Municipality.

In 2002, a public poll was conducted in which an overwhelming majority of the residents voted in favour of forming BC's first Regional Municipality. Also, the public very strongly supported a reduction in the number of elected officials for the new Regional Municipality, from 7 councillors to 6 councillors, plus the Mayor.

As indicated by the Notice of Nomination for the 2008 General Election, for the Town of Fort Nelson, Northern Rockies Regional District, nominations will be accepted for the offices of:

Mayor/Chair:	1 person to be elected, for a 3-year term
Regional Councillor:	7 persons to be elected, for a 3-year term

**HOWEVER, if the Incorporation Vote Referendum passes, the Minister of Community Development will appoint an Interim Council, from those candidates receiving the most votes, comprised of a Mayor and SIX Regional Councillors, to serve until the 2011 general municipal elections.**

**The APPOINTED INTERIM COUNCIL WOULD CONSIST OF:**

- 1 - Mayor**
- 6 - Regional Councillors**

Normally the new Council would be sworn into office at the statutory meeting which must be held within the first ten days of December following the General Municipal Elections. In 2008, the Statutory meeting will be held on December 10<sup>th</sup> rather than the normal first Monday (Dec 1), in order to provide additional time for the Minister of Community Development to appoint the Interim Council.

The December 10<sup>th</sup> meeting will proceed regardless of whether the Minister has had time to make the appointment. This means that while the 7<sup>th</sup> place candidate will technically be eligible to be sworn into office, when the Interim Council is appointed, that person will be dropped from the Interim Council. Therefore we recommend that the candidate who finishes in 7<sup>th</sup> place not attend the December 10<sup>th</sup> statutory meeting.