

Figure 7

Which Option is Best?
Reasons in Support of Each Option

INCORPORATION OPTION	TWO ELECTORAL AREAS OPTION
<p>The Incorporation Option, which would result in the creation of a new Sorrento-Blind Bay Municipality, may appeal to voters who:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> > wish to have the community take responsibility for local services, including local roads, land use planning, building inspection, utilities, parks and recreation, bylaw enforcement and others > wish to have the community, not the Province, set the local road standards and provide road maintenance > want decisions on services, development polices and approvals, and other community matters made in the community by a locally-elected Council > view Sorrento and Blind Bay as a single community with service needs and priorities that are different from those in the rest of Area C > seek greater access to provincial grant programs to address future needs > wish to benefit from new revenue sources available only to municipalities, and new legislative authorities (such as the ability to establish a business improvement area) > wish to control the community's finances, including decisions on the creation of reserves for future needs and priorities > want tax allocation decisions and tax rate decisions set by a local Council > accept the need to pay higher property taxes in exchange for greater local control over services and decisions 	<p>The Two Electoral Areas Option, which would place Blind Bay and Sorrento in Electoral Area C1, may appeal to voters who:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> > are content to receive local services at a basic level, characteristic of service provision in electoral areas > are satisfied to leave responsibility for local services with the CSRD, including responsibility for land use policies and development approvals, utilities, parks and recreation, bylaw enforcement, building inspection and others > are content to pay and rely on the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure to maintain and upgrade local roads > do not view Blind Bay and Sorrento as single community with shared goals and priorities that are different from those in other parts of the electoral area > do not see the need for or value of a new local government — are content, instead, to rely on the Regional District Board to make decisions for the community > are satisfied with the CSRD's record of financial management — a record that has included the establishment of adequate service reserves, and has avoided significant unexplained shifts in property taxes > value lower taxes more than local control over services and decisions > believe that, in the years ahead, Blind Bay and Sorrento can be well-governed and appropriately-served as part of Electoral Area C1 in the Regional District