



REPORT TO COUNCIL

To: **Mayor and Councillors**

Subject: Results of 2022 Local Government and School
Trustee Elections

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From: Kelly Kenney
Chief Election Officer

Date: October 19, 2022

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT the report of the Chief Election Officer dated October 19, 2022 regarding results of the 2022 Local Government and School Trustee Elections be received for information.

PURPOSE:

The purpose of this report is to submit the results of the 2022 Local Government and School Trustee Elections.

POLICY:

Section 158 of the Local Government Act reads as follows:

158(1) Within 30 days after the declaration of official results under section 98 for an election by acclamation or under section 146 for an election by voting, the chief election officer must submit a report of the election results to the local government.

(2) In case of an election by voting, the report under subsection (1) must include a compilation of the information on the ballot accounts for the elections.

COMMENTS/ANALYSIS:

The purpose of this report is to submit the Official Election Results and the Ballot Paper Account pertaining to the local government elections for Mayor, Councillors and School Trustees.

As there were no more candidates nominated for the office of School Trustee than there were to be elected for office, Candy Ashdown and Tony Ward were declared elected by acclamation on September 20, 2022.

The declaration of election by voting for the offices of Mayor and Councillor was made on September 20, 2022 and only those offices were included on the ballot.

Voting opportunities were held as follows:

Advance Voting - Timms Community Centre – October 4, 5, and 12

Advance Voting - Langley Senior Resources Society Recreation and Resource Centre – October 6

Special Voting - Evergreen Timbers Assisted Living – October 7

General Voting – Timms Community Centre – October 15

Mail Ballot Voting

Voter turn out for Advance Voting was as follows:

Oct 4 – 234 - Timms

Oct 5 – 319 - Timms

Oct 6 – 214 - (Langley Senior Resources Society Recreation and Resource Centre)

Oct 12 – 675 - Timms

This was the first election in which an Advance Voting Opportunity was held at the Langley Senior Resources Society Recreation and Resource Centre in which anyone could attend to vote. In prior years, a Special Voting Opportunity was held at this site for members of the centre only to cast their vote.

This was also the first election where Mail Ballot Voting was offered. Sixty-two mail ballot packages were distributed and forty were returned.

A Special Voting Opportunity lasting three hours was held at the Langley Lions Senior Citizens Housing Facility on October 7th with a turn out of eight voters.

General Voting Day October 15 was held in the gymnasium of the Timms Community Centre for the first time with a voter turn out of 2288 voters.

Curbside voting was offered at all voting opportunities and nine individuals voted this way.

Ballot counting on Election Night (October 15) was slightly delayed as there were voters still in the voting place at 8:00 pm; however, after all electors had voted, the results tapes were run and the unofficial results were tabulated and projected for viewing by those in attendance by 8:30 pm.

As there was only a two-vote difference between the candidates in 6th and 7th place for the office of councillor, the candidate in 7th place requested an informal recount of all the ballots.

The determination of official election results scheduled for October 17th at 10:00 am was rescheduled to October 18th at 9:00 am to permit the candidate who requested the informal recount to be present. All candidates were informed of the rescheduling of the determination of official election results and that all the ballots would be re-counted in accordance with the recount procedures of the City's Automated Voting Machine Authorization and Procedures Bylaw No. 3218 as part of the determination of official election results.

The determination of official election results commenced on October 18th at 9:00 am and concluded at 1:00 pm. The official election results were declared later that day and posted to the website.

3778 of 20,538 registered voters (20,501 resident electors and 37 non-resident property electors) cast their ballot which translates into a voter turnout of 18.4% compared to 26.7% in 2018, 24.1% in 2014, 20.9% in 2011 and 21.1% in 2008. Elections were held to elect the Mayor, Councillors and School Trustees at all four of these elections.

For your information, I have included a copy of the following documents with this report:

- a) Official Election Results
- b) Declaration of Official Election Results
- c) Ballot Accounts

I would like to take this opportunity to recognize the superb efforts of the Deputy Chief Election Officer who was responsible for coordinating staffing, supplies and other logistics necessary for the efficient running of the election, as well as the professionalism and helpfulness of the election staff, and the support and assistance of City staff across the organization in their varied capacities, leading up to and on voting days. It was truly a team effort.

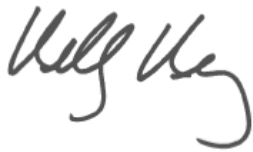
BUDGET IMPLICATIONS:

The election budget is \$60,000.

ALTERNATIVES:

N/A

Respectfully Submitted,



Kelly Kenney
Chief Election Officer

Attachments:

1. Official Election Results
2. Declaration of Official Election Results
3. Ballot Accounts with Amendments Following Recount

CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER'S COMMENTS:

I support the recommendation.



Francis Cheung, P. Eng.
Chief Administrative Officer