



REPORT TO COUNCIL

To: **Mayor and Councillors**

Subject: Public Notice of Failure to File Campaign Financial
Disclosure Statement

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From: Kelly Kenney
Chief Election Officer

Date: March 13, 2023

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT the report of the Chief Election Officer dated March 13, 2023, regarding public notice of Cherise Okeymow's failure to file her campaign financial disclosure statement and pay the required late filing fee of \$500, be received for information.

PURPOSE:

The purpose of the report is to advise Council of the receipt of notice from Elections BC of the failure of Cherise Okeymow, a candidate in City of Langley's 2022 Local Government Election, to file her campaign financial disclosure statement and pay the required late filing fee of \$500, resulting in her being disqualified, until after the next General Local Election, from being nominated for, elected to, or holding office on a local authority within British Columbia. (Attachment 1)

POLICY:

Section 61(2) of the *Local Elections Campaign Financing Act* requires the designated local government officer to give public notice of Cherise Okeymow's disqualification.

COMMENTS/ANALYSIS:

In accordance with Section 46(1) of the Local Elections Campaign Financing Act, each individual who is declared to be a candidate in a General Local Election is required to file a financial disclosure statement with Elections BC, in regards to his/her campaign. The City has received notice from Elections BC that Cherise Okeymow, candidate for the office of Councillor during the 2022 General Local

Election failed to file her campaign financial disclosure statement and pay the required late filing fee of \$500 by the February 13, 2023 deadline. Cherise Okeymow is therefore disqualified until after the next General Local Election, from being nominated for, elected to, or holding office on a local authority within British Columbia.

BUDGET IMPLICATIONS:

In accordance with Section 88(3)(d) of the Local Government Act, the nomination deposit of \$100 received from Ms. Okeymow is forfeited and is to be paid to the local government.

ALTERNATIVES:

N/A

Respectfully Submitted,



Kelly Kenney
Chief Election Officer

Attachment:

1. Email from Elections BC dated March 7, 2023

CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER'S COMMENTS:

I support the recommendation.



Francis Cheung, P. Eng.
Chief Administrative Officer