



REPORT TO COUNCIL

To: **Mayor Schaffer and Councillors**

Subject **Results of 2018 Local Government and School
Trustee Elections**

Report #:

From: Kelly Kenney
Chief Election Officer

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RECOMMENDATION:

THAT the report of the Chief Election Officer dated October 24, 2018 regarding results of the 2018 Local Government and School Trustee Elections be received for information.

PURPOSE:

To submit to Council the results of the 2018 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.

(3) If the results of the election are changed by a judicial recount or on an application under section 153 [application to court] after the report under subsection (1) is submitted, the designated local government officer must submit to the local government a supplementary report reflecting the changed results.

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.

Voting opportunities were held as follows:

Advance Voting - Timms Community Centre – October 9, 10, 11 and 17
Special Voting - Evergreen Timbers Assisted Living/ Langley Senior Resources Society – October 18
General Voting - Nicomekl Elementary School – October 20

Ballot counting on Election Night (October 20) was slightly delayed as there were voters still in the polling station 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.

The determination of election results was undertaken on October 22nd and concluded October 23, 2018 as it included re-counting of all ballots at the request of a candidate. The official election results were declared on Wednesday October 24, 2018.

4891 of 18,332 eligible voters (18,288 resident electors and 44 non- resident electors) cast their ballot which translates into a voter turnout of 26.7% compared to 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
- d) Historical Statistics

I would like to take this opportunity to recognize the superb efforts of the election staff on Election Day. Their professionalism and energy made things run very efficiently and effectively.

BUDGET IMPLICATIONS:

The election budget is \$50,000.

ALTERNATIVES:

N/A

Respectfully Submitted,



Kelly Kenney
Chief Election Officer

Attachments:

1. Official Election Results
2. Declaration of Official Election Results
3. Ballot Accounts
4. Historical Statistics

CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER'S COMMENTS:

I support the recommendation.



Francis Cheung, P. Eng.
Chief Administrative Officer