

**REPORT TO CAPITAL REGIONAL DISTRICT BOARD
MEETING OF WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 16, 2022**

SUBJECT 2022 General Local Election and Assent Voting Results

ISSUE SUMMARY

To report the results of the 2022 General Local Elections for CRD Electoral Area Director, assent voting (referendum) opportunities, Islands Trust Local Area Trustees, and the nominees to the Juan de Fuca Land Use Committee.

BACKGROUND

Pursuant to section 158 of the *Local Government Act*, the Chief Election Officer (CEO) must submit a report of the election results to the local government within 30 days after the declaration of the official results under Section 146, including a compilation of the information on the ballot accounts for the election.

In accordance with the *Local Government Act*, on Saturday, October 15, 2022 the CRD conducted elections and assent voting for the following races:

- Electoral Area Directors for Juan de Fuca, Salt Spring Island and Southern Gulf Islands;
- Assent voting (referendum) for the Salt Spring Island Local Community Commission and Southern Gulf Islands Transportation Service; and
- Islands Trust Local Area Trustees for Salt Spring Island, South Pender Island, North Pender Island, Galiano Island, and Mayne Island.

The CRD also included the races for School Board Trustees for School Districts 61, 62, 63 and 64 on the appropriate ballots. The results were provided to the Chief Election Officers for the school districts and reported to their Boards, as they are combined with results from other local governments. For the election of Local Area Trustees for Islands Trust, the CRD's Chief Election Officer also acted as Chief Election Officer for Islands Trust in the Capital Region, and carried out all statutory duties including declaring and certifying official results of Trustee races (see Appendix A). CRD worked closely with Islands Trust staff throughout the election to share information and ensure all statutory obligations were met. In exchange for this service, the Islands Trust and the School Districts contribute to the CRD's cost of the election through cost-sharing agreements.

Advance Voting opportunities were available in nine locations on Wednesday, October 5 and 12, 2022. General Voting Day was Saturday, October 15, 2022 with 16 voting locations. In addition to the voting opportunities, the CRD also offered mail ballot voting to any elector that applied requesting a mail ballot package. The CRD received a total of 307 requests for mail ballots and had a response rate of 56%.

Attached as Appendix A is the Declaration of Official Results dated October 19, 2022, for the CRD Electoral Area Directors, Islands Trust Local Area Trustees and assent voting for the Salt Spring Island Local Community Commission and Southern Gulf Islands Transportation Service. Appendix B is the Election Summary Report showing the number of ballots cast per candidate

and the number of undervotes and overvotes by race. Appendix C is a table showing voter turnout at advance voting opportunities and on general voting day by location. Appendix D is a table calculating voter turnout by electoral area and ballot type, if applicable. Appendix E is a ballot account summary for all ballot types. Appendix F is the Declaration of Election by Acclamation dated September 20, 2022.

Every four years during the General Local Election, the CRD conducts elections for five nominees to the Juan de Fuca Land Use Committee. The election of nominees to the Land Use Committee is not a requirement under the *Local Government Act* but is a required process set out in CRD Bylaw No. 3166. Two nominees were acclaimed to the Land Use Committee for the sub-regions of East Sooke and Willis Point. The remaining 4 sub-region members, which includes Malahat, Otter Point, Port Renfrew, Shirley/Jordan River, will be made by recommendation of the Juan de Fuca Electoral Area Director to the CRD Board for appointment.

In addition, two Local Trustees for Saturna Island Local Trust Area were acclaimed. Appendix E is the Declaration of Election by Acclamation dated September 20, 2022.

CONCLUSION

In accordance with the *Local Government Act*, the CRD conducted and reports results for the 2022 General Local Elections for the offices of: Juan de Fuca, Southern Gulf Islands and Salt Spring Island Electoral Area Director; Galiano, Mayne, North Pender, Salt Spring, Saturna and South Pender Islands Trustees. Assent voting was conducted for the Salt Spring Island Local Community Commission, which was affirmed by voters, and the Southern Gulf Islands Transportation Service, which failed to meet the required threshold for consent. The following candidates were acclaimed: Saturna Island Local Area Trustees, and nominees to the Land Use Committee for the sub-regions of East Sooke and Willis Point.

RECOMMENDATION

There is no recommendation. This report is for information only.

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ATTACHMENT(S)

Appendix A: Declaration of Official Results
Appendix B: Election Summary Report
Appendix C: Voter Turnout Percentage by Opportunity – Advance, General, Mail
Appendix D: Voter Turnout Percentage by Electoral Area
Appendix E: Ballot Account Summary
Appendix F: Declaration of Election by Acclamation