



COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE COUNCIL REPORT
Corporate Services
For the November 14, 2022 Council Meeting

DATE: October 19, 2022 File No.

TO: Mayor and Council

FROM: Rochelle Lougheed, Deputy Corporate Officer

RE: 2022 General Local Election Report

RATIONALE:

The advise Council of the results of the 2022 General Local Government Election held October 15, 2022.

OPTIONS:

1. Council can receive the report for information.
2. Council can refer the report back to staff for additional information.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the October 15, 2022 General Local Election Results report prepared by the Chief Election Officer be received for information.

RECOMMENDATION IMPLICATIONS:

BACKGROUND:

Section 158 of the *Local Government Act* requires the Chief Election Officer to submit a report to Council within 30 days after the declaration of the official election results.

Attached are the Chief Election Officer's solemn declarations regarding the final ballot accounting and candidates elected to the officer of Council.

Year	Number of Voters	Total Eligible	Percent Turnout	Race
2022	852	4,149	21%	Mayor and Water Councillors Acclaimed
2018	2,118	3,743	57%	Mayor, Councillor, Water Councillor
2017	811	3,572	23%	Bi-election for 1 Councillor
2014	1,298	3,572	36%	Mayor and Water Councillors Acclaimed
2013	767	3,572	21%	Bi-election for 1 Councillor
2011	1,554	3,572	44%	Water Councillors Acclaimed
2008	1,684	3,876	43%	Water Councillors Acclaimed
2005	1,202	3,450	35%	Mayor Acclaimed
2002	1,010	3,325	30%	Mayor Acclaimed
1999	1,712	2,934	58%	
1997	1,669	3,092	54%	Bi-election for Mayor only
1996	1,641	3,011	55%	
1993	1,586	2,597	61%	

The percent turnout for the number of voters for the 2022 Municipal Election was the lowest that it has been since 2013.

In addition to the 2022 Election Advertising that is a statutory requirement, Corporate Services promoted the Election through 20 Social Media Posts starting on July 14, 2022 and ending on General Voting Day, October 15, 2022.

- Election Staff – 1 post
- All information on the 2022 Municipal Election including running for office, dates and times for voting opportunities, the voting location, and the availability of mail in ballots – 1 post
- Candidate Information and the Nomination Period – 4 posts
- Declaration of Candidates – 1 post
- Declaration of Acclamation – 1 post
- Information on all Voting Opportunities – 4 posts
- Information on the new Mail in Ballot Voting Opportunity – 4 posts
- Information on Advanced Voting Opportunity – 2 posts
- Information on General Voting Day – 2 posts

In addition the General Local Government Election Bylaw 1376 was amended to enable all eligible voters to be able to vote by Mail in Ballot. This is also the first election that mail in ballots have been available and 19 voters utilized this method of voting.

Two large “Vote Today” banners were purchased and erected in prominent locations. During both of the Advanced Voting Opportunities and during General Voting Day one of the banners was set up on Main Street in front of Town Hall, and the other was set up at the main entrance to Oliver Parks & Rec along Park Drive. These banners will be utilized at all future voting opportunities for the Town of Oliver.

The July 2022 Oliver News letter that accompanied the Quarter 2 Utility Bills contained information on the 2022 General Local Election. This included details on running for office, dates and times for voting opportunities, the voting location, and the availability of mail in ballots.

The August 2022 Oliver News letter that accompanied the Rural Irrigation Bills included details on running for the position of Water Councillor, dates and times for voting opportunities, the voting location, and the availability of mail in ballots.

The October 2022 Oliver News letter that accompanied the Quarter 3 Utility Bills included details on dates and times for voting opportunities, the voting location, and the availability of mail in ballots.

This is the last voting opportunity that our Voting Machine was serviceable. We have obtained a quote for a new voting machine at \$7,765. An up to date quote will be obtained prior to the 2023 Budget Meetings and this will be brought forward to Council to include in the 2023 Budget.

General: N/A

Organizational: N/A

Financial: N/A

Legal/Statutory Authority: Section 158 of the *Local Government Act*

1. Within 30 days after the declaration of official election 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 the case of an election by voting, the report under subsection (1) must include a compilation of the information on the ballot accounts for the election.

Strategic Plan:

Good Governance

REFERRALS:

N/A

PUBLIC PROCESS:

N/A

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N/A

CAO COMMENTS:

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