

To: Fraser Valley Regional District Board
From: Paul Gipps, Chief Administrative Officer

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Subject: 2018 General Local Elections

RECOMMENDATION

THAT the Fraser Valley Regional District Board appoint Jaime Schween as the Chief Election Officer for the purposes of the 2018 general local elections;

AND THAT Pam Loat and Tina Mooney be appointed as Deputy Chief Election Officers for the purposes of the 2018 general local elections.

STRATEGIC AREA(S) OF FOCUS

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BACKGROUND

Under the *Local Government Act*, the Board must appoint a Chief Election Officer and Deputy Chief Election Officer for the purposes of conducting the general local election. The Act sets out the duties of the Chief Election Officer, which is to be generally responsible for the conduct of all matters pertaining to the general local election in the FVRD's Electoral Areas, as well as any associated bylaw questions that may be coming forward for referendum. In addition, the FVRD's Chief Election Officer is also responsible for conducting the elections for rural School Trustees within FVRD's Electoral Areas.

DISCUSSION

The *Local Government Act* does not set out rates to be paid to election officials, and each individual Municipality and Regional District establishes their own rates. The establishment of rates will be outlined in a future memo in view of the expanded workload during the 2018 election cycle.

The Chief Election Officer will be providing the Electoral Area Services Committee and the Board with further details with respect to the 2018 general local election over the coming months. In the meantime, please be aware of the upcoming dates:

Nomination period begins:	Tuesday, September 4, 2018
Nomination period closes:	Friday, September 14, 2018
Advance Voting Opportunity:	Wednesday, October 10, 2018
General Voting Day:	Saturday, October 20, 2018

COST

Costs for the 2018 general local elections have been included as part of the 2018-2022 financial plan.

COMMENTS BY:

Mike Veenbaas, Director of Financial Services

Reviewed and supported.