

TO: CITY MANAGER

2002 JANUARY 07

FROM: CITY CLERK

SUBJECT: 2002 LOCAL GOVERNMENT ELECTION

PURPOSE: The purpose of this report is to provide Council with information concerning the 2002 Local Government Election and to recommend appointment of the Chief Election Officer and Deputy Chief Election Officer.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. THAT Debbie Comis be appointed Chief Election Officer for the 2002 Local Government Election.
2. THAT Maryann Manuel be appointed Deputy Chief Election Officer for the 2002 Local Government Election.

REPORT

The 2002 Local Government Election will be held on Saturday, 2002 November 16. In accordance with the Local Government Act of B.C. Council is required to appoint a Chief Election Officer and a Deputy Chief Election Officer. These roles have traditionally been fulfilled by the City Clerk and Deputy City Clerk and it is recommended Council continue with this practice.

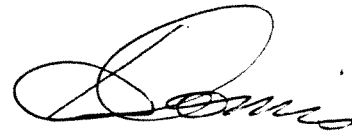
In 1993 Council adopted Bylaw No. 9945 to authorize use of the most current, available Provincial Voters List as the foundation for the City's voters list. This bylaw is in effect and unless otherwise directed by Council, we will continue to use the Provincial List combined with advance voter registration. The Local Government Act also provides for voting day registration as long as a person meets voter requirements and provides appropriate documentation.

For the first time in 1999 the City did not provide community enumeration opportunities in shopping malls or recreation centers. This did not have any discernable impact on the number of voting day registrations received and as a result, unless otherwise directed by Council, staff do not intend to pursue an enumeration in 2002. It is our intention to build upon the information provided on the City's website with respect to the forthcoming election.

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Discussions will again be initiated with staff at the Burnaby School District with respect to cost recovery for conducting the election for School Trustees for the Burnaby School Board as has been done in both 1996 and 1999. A further report will be submitted to Council with respect to this process.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'D. Comis', with a large, stylized loop at the end.

D.R. Comis,
City Clerk

cc: Deputy City Manager
- Corporate Services