

TO: CITY MANAGER

FROM: CITY CLERK

SUBJECT: **2005 LOCAL GOVERNMENT ELECTION**

PURPOSE: The purpose of this report is to provide Council with information concerning the 2005 Local Government Election and to recommend appointment of the Chief Election Officer and Deputy Chief Election Officer.

RECOMMENDATION:

1. THAT Debbie Comis be appointed Chief Election Officer and Anne Skipsey be appointed Deputy Chief Election Officer for the 2005 Local Government Election.

REPORT

The 2005 Local Government Election will be held on Saturday, 2005 November 19. In accordance with Part 3, Section 41 of the Local Government Act of B. C., Council is required to appoint a Chief Election Officer and a Deputy Chief Election Officer to preside over the election proceedings. These roles have traditionally been fulfilled by the City Clerk and Deputy City Clerk and it is recommended Council continue with this practice.

Since 1993 the City of Burnaby has utilized the Provincial Voters List for the Local Government Election. Unless otherwise directed by Council, staff 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.

In 2005 the City will provide citizens with an opportunity to confirm whether or not they are on the voter's list through the City's website. While the City is precluded, by legislation, from providing on line registration at this time, the website will provide directions on how to register if a voter finds they are not on the List.

As in previous years staff will initiate discussions with staff of the Burnaby School District with respect to cost recovery for conducting the election of School Trustees.

Respectfully submitted,



D. R. Comis,
City Clerk