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**TO:** CITY MANAGER **DATE:** 2010 November 19

**FROM:** CITY CLERK

**SUBJECT:** 2011 LOCAL GOVERNMENT ELECTION

**PURPOSE:** To provide Council with information concerning the 2011 Local Government Election and to recommend appointment of the Chief Election Officer and Deputy Chief Election Officer.

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**RECOMMENDATIONS:**

1. **THAT** Anne Skipsey be appointed Chief Election Officer for the 2011 Local Government Election.
2. **THAT** Lynne Axford be appointed Deputy Chief Election Officer for the 2011 Local Government Election.

**REPORT**

Unless a legislative change determines otherwise, the 2011 Local Government Election is scheduled to be held on Saturday, 2011 November 19. 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. In 2008 the Deputy City Clerk fulfilled the responsibilities of the Chief Election Officer.

The previous Deputy Chief Election Officer left the employ of the City in 2009. Lynne Axford is an experienced Election Supervisor and staff member in the Office of the City Clerk. It is therefore recommended Council appoint Ms Axford as the Deputy Chief Election Officer.

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. In addition, the Local Government Act provides for voting day registration as long as a person meets voter requirements and provides appropriate documentation.

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 had been done since 1996. A further report will be submitted to Council with respect to this process.

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Staff will continue to monitor legislative changes as they relate to the implementation of the *Report of the Local Government Elections Task Force* and any impact on the 2011 Local Government Election and will provide Council with subsequent reports when information becomes available.

Respectfully submitted,



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CITY CLERK

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