



REQUEST FOR DECISION

To: Curtis Slingerland, Chief Administrative Officer
CC: Board of Directors
From: Evangeline Hanuse, Corporate Officer
Meeting Date: April 7, 2022
Subject: 2022 Local Government Elections Report

Recommendation:

THAT the Board of Directors of the Central Coast Regional District appoints Evangeline Hanuse as Chief Election Officer for conducting the 2022 General Local Election with power to appoint other election officials as required for the administration and conduct of the 2022 General Local Election pursuant to Section 58(1) and (2) of the Local Government Act.

Summary:

With the upcoming local elections in November of this year, the Regional District will need to appoint a Chief Elections Officer to administer the election. Administration explored the potential of hiring a contract to administer the election, similar to the previous election.

Discussion:

On March 17, 2022 a call for Chief Election Officer (CEO) Expressions of Interest was posted on the ccrd.ca website and on social media without any responses. The call out was made for a CEO to help alleviate the pressure on staff capacity. After discussions with several individuals, no submissions were received. Staff will undertake the administration of the election with the Corporate Officer taking the lead.

General local elections must run in accordance with the *Local Government Act*, the *Local Elections Campaign Financing Act*, the *Community Charter*, the *School Act*, and the local government's election bylaw, as applicable. The General Local Election will take place on October 15, 2022.

Key dates for the 2022 Election:

Action	Date
Election Period. The period beginning January 1 of an election year until 29 days before General Voting Day. Campaigns must report all expenses incurred during the election period.	January 1, 2022 – September 16, 2022
Start of Nomination Period. The period for candidates to submit their nominations to local election officials.	August 30, 2022 – September 9, 2022
Pre-Campaign Period. At the beginning of this period election advertising rules come into force	July 18, 2022 – September 16, 2022

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and continue through General Voting Day.	
Last day to meet 6-month BC residency requirement for candidates	March 8, 2022
Last day to meet 6-month BC residency requirement for voter registration	April 14, 2022
Elections BC expense limits announcement	May 31, 2022
Declaration of Candidates	September 9, 2022
Last day to meet 30-day jurisdiction residency/property ownership requirement for non-resident property electors	September 14, 2022
Campaign period begins	September 17, 2022
Required Advanced Voting Opportunity	October 5, 2022
General Voting Day	October 15, 2022
Declaration of Official Election Results	October 19, 2022
Inaugural meeting and Oaths of Office	November 10, 2022
Campaign financing disclosure statement filing deadline	January 13, 2023
Campaign financing disclosure statement late filing deadline with \$500 late filing fee	February 13, 2023

Financial/Budgetary:

There is a budget of \$15,000 allocated for the 2022 Local Government Election.

Submitted by: *Evangeline Hanuse*
Evangeline Hanuse, Corporate Officer

Approved by: *[Signature]*
Curtis Slingerland, Chief Administrative Officer