

Report To: **Mayor and Council**

From: **City Manager**

Subject: **Administration Report No. 258/06
2006 By-Election Report**

Meeting: **Regular Council**

Meeting Date: **October 30, 2006**

RECOMMENDATION:

“THAT, that the 2006 By-Election Report which includes the Official Election Results, Electronic Vote Summary and Account of Ballots, from the Chief Election Officer be received.”

CITY MANAGER’S COMMENTS:



John Locher, City Manager

CURRENT SITUATION:

Election Results:

Councillor Elect Bruce Christensen was declared elected in the October 14, 2006 By-Election:

RESULTS	Advance Polls	Special Polls	General Polls	General Polls	Total Votes
Corbett, Chris	2	4	27	4	37
WIENS, Rubin	31	14	151	26	222
STEWART, Byron	68	10	217	38	333
MIEDEMA, Ed	2	0	21	5	28
CHRISTENSEN, Bruce	100	22	323	56	501
MEARS, Warren	12	2	46	5	65
Total Ballots:	215	52	785	134	1186

The estimated number of eligible voters was 13,045. Total voter turnout was 1,186 for a percentage of 9.09%.

Electronic Vote Summary:

Electronic Ballot Summary	Advance Polls	Special Polls	General Polls	General Polls	Total Votes
Times Ballot Counted	215	52	785	134	1186

Ballot Accountability:

BALLOTS	Advance Oct 3	Advance Oct 4	Advance Oct 11	Special Oct 13	General Oct 14
Ballots Taken	90	94	133	100	950
Voters	-45	-61	-109	-52	-918
Ballots Spoiled	-1	0	0	0	-2
Mail Ballots	0	0	0	0	1
Ballots Remaining	44	33	24	48	31

General Comments:

The 2006 By-Election process ran smoothly and can be credited to the excellent assistance from Deputy Chief Election Officer Janet Prestley, Presiding Election Officials Brenda Doell and Shirley Collington and all of the Election Officials who worked at the Advanced Polls and on General Voting Day.

The Community Services facilities staff was extremely helpful in meeting our needs throughout the election polls as was Engineering Services staff with the preparation of the sign boards for the polling stations.

Very favourable comments were received throughout the Advance Polls and the General Voting Day Polls about the North Peace Arena location. It is a location that provides good parking as well as easy access for the able bodied and disabled, and because of other activities scheduled at the same time reminds people of the voting opportunity.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

Section 148 of the *Local Government Act* states that

- (1) *Within 30 days after the declaration of official election results under section 76 for an election by acclamation or under section 136 for an election by voting, the chief election officer must submit a report of the election results to the local government.*
- (2) *In the case of an election by voting, the report under subsection (1) must include a compilation of the information on ballot accounts for the election.*

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:

Carol Susak, Chief Election Officer
Director of Corporate Administration
October 24, 2006