



File # 4200-20

Report To: **Mayor and Council**

From: **Director of Legislative and Administrative Services**

Subject: **Administration Report No. 303/11
2011 Local Government Election – Official Results, Electronic Vote
Summary and Account of Ballots**

Meeting: **Regular Council**

Meeting Date: **November 28, 2011**

RECOMMENDATION NO. 1:

“THAT, the 2011 Election Report that includes the official results, electronic vote summary and account of ballots be received for information.”

CITY MANAGER’S COMMENTS:

Not applicable.

Dianne Hunter, City Manager

CURRENT SITUATION:

The 2011 election process went very well. This can be attributed to the great staff that we had for the election which included Grace Fika, Deputy Chief Election Officer, Shirley Collington, Presiding Election Official and all of the poll clerks who worked the advance and general voting days. The majority of the election staff has worked many elections and their knowledge and experience shone through. I greatly appreciated all of their assistance.

The number of eligible voters for this election was estimated at 12,828. The total voter turnout was 2,710 for a percentage of 21%. This is a decrease from the 2008 election which had a 23% turnout. The lower turnout could be attributed to the cold weather we experienced during general voting day although traditionally local government elections have a low voter turnout in comparison to provincial and federal elections.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

In accordance with Section 148 of the *Local Government Act*:

- 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 the ballot accounts for the election.*

ATTACHMENTS:

- 2011 Election Results
- Electronic Vote Summary and Accountability of Ballots

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:

Janet Prestley, Chief Election Officer
Director of Legislative and Administrative Services
November 21, 2011

2011 LOCAL GOVERNMENT ELECTION

November 19, 2011

OFFICIAL RESULTS

	Advance, Special & Mail	General Voting	General Voting	General Voting (Combine d Totals)	TOTAL NUMBER OF VALID VOTES CAST
MAYOR					
Don Irwin	323	347	539	886	1209
Mike Murray	40	66	92	158	198
Lori Ackerman	391	341	537	878	1269

	Advance, Special & Mail	General Voting	General Voting	General Voting (Combine d Totals)	TOTAL NUMBER OF VALID VOTES CAST
COUNCILLORS					
Trevor Bolin	485	503	754	1257	1742
Dan Pope	164	170	255	425	589
Sarah Palmer	257	250	400	650	907
Gord Klassen	467	485	741	1226	1693
Bruce Christensen	477	459	678	1137	1614
Dan Davies	493	489	767	1256	1749
Larry Evans	533	511	787	1298	1831
Brandon Joice	109	119	175	294	403
Byron Stewart	375	370	551	921	1296
Tamara Wilkinson	160	203	293	496	656
Carol Kube	121	130	224	354	475

Referendum Question

Are you in favour of the City of Fort St. John continuing to fluoridate its water supply?

Yes	452	424	634	1510
No	280	316	506	1102

Estimated Number of Eligible Voters	12,828
Voter Turnout	2710
%	21%

The determination of official election results was made by the Chief Election Officer on November 21, 2011 and is based on ballot accounts as amended or prepared by the Chief Election Officer.

Janet Prestley
Chief Election Officer
November 21, 2011

2011 Ballot Reconciliation Sheet

BALLOT COUNT (at close of poll November 9)			
boxes	9	1000	9,000
packaged (plastic wrap)	3	200	600
elastic	3	50	150
loose	145	1	145
Total unused ballots			9,895
Ballots Issued but not Cast			0
Ballots Issued and Cast			211
Mail Ballots to November 9			14
Spoiled Ballots to November 9			0
Test Ballots			6
Total ballots used to close of polls Nov. 9			231
Total Ballots Reconciliation			10,126

BALLOT COUNT (at close of poll November 16)			
boxes	9	1000	9,000
packaged (plastic wrap)	1	100	100
elastic	4	50	200
loose	138	1	138
Total unused ballots			9,438
"extra" ballots in packages			
Ballots Issued but not Cast			0
Ballots Issued and Cast			665
Mail Ballots to November 16			14
Spoiled Ballots to November 16			3
Test Ballots			6
Total ballots used to close of polls Nov. 16			688
Total Ballots Reconciliation			10,126

BALLOT COUNT (at close of poll November 17)			
boxes	9	1000	9,000
packaged (plastic wrap)	1	100	100
elastic	3	50	150
loose	115	1	115
Total unused ballots			9,365
Ballots Issued but not Cast			0
Ballots Issued and Cast			738
Mail Ballots to November 17			14
Spoiled Ballots to November 17			3
Test Ballots			6
Total ballots used to close of polls Nov. 17			761
Total Ballots Reconciliation			10,126

2011 Ballot Reconciliation Sheet

BALLOT COUNT (at close of poll November 19)			
boxes	7	1000	7,000
packaged (plastic wrap)		200	0
elastic	7	50	350
loose	42	1	42
Total unused ballots			7,392
Ballots Issued but not Cast			
Ballots Issued and Cast			2,710
Mail Ballots to November 19			
Spoiled Ballots to November 19			18
Test Ballots			6
Total ballots used to close of polls Nov. 19			2,734
Total Ballots Reconciliation			10,126