



## REQUEST FOR DECISION

File # 4200-20

Report To: Mayor and Council  
From: Director of Legislative and Administrative Services  
Presenter: Director of Legislative and Administrative Services  
Subject: Administration Report No. 0243/14  
2014 Local Government Election Official Results  
Meeting: Regular Council  
Meeting Date: 24 Nov 2014

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### RECOMMENDATION:

"THAT, the official results of the 2014 Local Government Election be received."

### CITY MANAGER'S COMMENTS:

Support recommendation

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KEY ISSUES(S)/ CONCEPTS DEFINED: To receive the local government election official results in accordance with the *Local Government Act*.

### RELEVANT POLICY:

ALTERNATIVE RECOMMENDATION: None

IMPLICATIONS OF RECOMMENDATION
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COMPLIANCE WITH STRATEGIC GOALS: A vibrant and diversified economy where local businesses are retained and business opportunities are expanded; citizens' interests are represented and promoted efficiently through political and economic spheres; and the vitality of downtown is maintained and enhanced as a commercial and cultural destination.

A safe, healthy, active and family-friendly community.

A planned and sustainable community where community infrastructure is well-maintained to meet the needs of both current and future generations; the natural environment is preserved, protected and enhanced; and where municipal spending and tax policies are affordable and sustainable over time.

COMPLIANCE WITH STRATEGIC PRIORITIES: N/A

**GENERAL:**

Voter turn out was 15% for this election which is lower than the 2011 election. Part of the decreased voter participation level could be due to the fact that there wasn't a mayoral race nor a referendum question on the ballot.

As Chief Election Officer, I noticed a change in the demographics of the voters coming to the polls. There were many young people and families coming in to vote and this could be due to the increased promotion of the election in social media. There were also many people who were coming to the polls for the very first time so hopefully interest in voting for all elections will increase in the future.

Many voters were pleasantly surprised at the small amount of time that it took to vote since there is a public perception that going to vote is too cumbersome to do so. On average, the total time for a person to sign in, mark their ballot and leave took approximately 10 minutes. This could be attributable to the experienced and efficient poll clerk staff who work the election.

**ORGANIZATIONAL:**

**FINANCIAL:**

FOLLOW UP ACTION: None

**COMMUNITY CONSULTATION:**

**COMMUNICATION:**

Media was present at the close of the polls to report the results as soon as they were announced.

Staff also posted the preliminary results to CivicInfo BC's election website as well as to the City's website.

The official results were faxed to the media and all candidates on November

17, 2014.

OTHER COMMENTS:

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Attachments:  
Official Results

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:  
Janet Prestley, Director of Legislative and Administrative Services  
17 Nov 2014


**2014 LOCAL GOVERNMENT ELECTION**  
**November 15, 2014**  
**OFFICIAL RESULTS**

COUNCILLORS	Advance Voting	General Voting	General Voting	General Voting (Combined Totals)	TOTAL NUMBER OF VALID VOTES CAST
Karen Mason-Bennett	226	306	259	565	791
Bruce Christensen	354	441	353	794	1148
Tamara Wilkinson	157	246	179	425	582
Larry Evans	389	423	369	792	1181
Chris Clarke	74	83	65	148	222
Gord Klassen	311	404	301	705	1016
Becky Grimsrud	169	279	214	493	662
Dan Davies	372	496	407	903	1275
Dan Pope	130	187	160	347	477
Trevor Bolin	279	374	287	661	940
Graham McCoubrey	222	341	281	622	844
Byron Stewart	361	483	379	862	1223

*Calculated July, 2014*

<b>Estimated Number of Eligible Voters</b>	<b>13,662</b>
<b>Voter Turnout</b>	2073
%	15%

The determination of official election results was made by the Chief Election Officer on November 15, 2014 and is based on ballot accounts as amended or prepared by the Chief Election Officer.

  
 Janet Prestley  
 Chief Election Officer  
 November 17, 2014