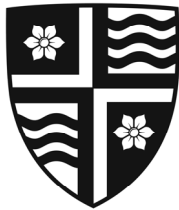


Township of
Langley



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REPORT TO MAYOR AND COUNCIL

PRESENTED:	NOVEMBER 19, 2018 - REGULAR AFTERNOON MEETING	REPORT:	18-150
FROM:	CORPORATE ADMINISTRATION DIVISION	FILE:	4200-25-001
SUBJECT:	2018 LOCAL GOVERNMENT ELECTION OFFICIAL RESULTS		

RECOMMENDATION(S):

That Council receive the 2018 Local Government Election Official Results report for information.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The Official Election Results were declared by the Chief Election Officer on Monday, October 22, 2018 at 11:00am pursuant to section 146 of the *Local Government Act*. With the Advance Voting Opportunities held over eight days between October 10 and 18, 2018; Special Voting Opportunities held at various locations during the week of October 15, 2018, and General Voting Day on Saturday, October 20, 2018, a total of 25,747 electors voted for a Mayor, eight Councillors, and five School Trustees. The official election results are attached to this report as Attachment A. Our goal was to make the voting experience a quick and easy process and we think we achieved that.

PURPOSE:

To provide the Official Election Results of the 2018 Local Government Election held Saturday, October 20, 2018, including figures from the ballot accounts(Attachment "C"), as required by section 158 of the *Local Government Act*. This report also provides comment on the election process.

BACKGROUND/HISTORY:

The following initiatives were undertaken for the 2018 Local Government Election:

- Increased the number of Advance Voting Opportunities from three days in the same location to eight days throughout the different communities of the Township. This resulted in an increase of 221% (from 1,993 in 2014 to 4,566 in 2018) in the number of voters voting in the advance. There may have been other factors at play in the significant increase, such as the mild, sunny weather and convenience of voting while going to the pool or gym thus freeing up your Saturday.
- Utilized DataFix Municipal VoterView program again this year to provide real-time, live updating of the List of Registered Electors in all voting places thus ensuring electors could not vote twice and providing quick and efficient service to voters (including new registrations, voter information data changes such as change of address, change of marital status, etc.).
- A total of 38,967 packages containing 84,057 Voter Notification Cards were mailed out to qualified electors in the Township during the week of September 14, 2018 (earlier than we wanted but there was a pending postal strike) and featured a barcode to be scanned by election staff at the voting places. Over 75% of the voters were recorded by way of the bar code on their Voter Notification Card. The cards were mailed in a package to each household with registered voters, to reduce the cost of mailing. Because the envelopes were pre-sorted with postal code accuracy to a high degree, the postal rate was reduced to 78 cents per envelope. The total postage cost was \$30,414.
- Township's website was updated with current election information including list and map of voting places, key dates, qualifications for voting, candidate information, and statutory election notices.
- Posted on the Township webpage, a 150 word profile and photo for each candidate, which provided information to the voters on the 33 candidates.
- Provided on the Township webpage on General Voting Day a "voter wait time". Periodically throughout the day, we timed a voter from the time they entered the voting place until the time they left. In most cases, this was just four minutes.
- Transit shelter advertising and other advertising such as in the Township Leisure Guide.
- A secure, searchable List of Registered Electors to assist Township electors in determining if they were registered to vote was again used this year on the Township's website - 1,762 hits were registered – substantially more than in 2014. Because of the confidentiality of the voters list, the input parameters are quite tight and only 58% of the enquiries were successful.
- Six comprehensive training sessions were held for all election staff (just over 200) prior to the election, including training on the VoterView computer program.
- Updating the Nomination packages for the candidates to reflect current information and legislation. Although we encouraged candidates to use a flash drive with the package on it, most preferred the printed version in a binder. The nomination forms for Mayor and Councillor were the same and consistent throughout the Province.
- Updated the CivicInfo website with candidates' contact information and election results.
- Implemented all of the 2014 election suggestions.
- Scanned and emailed the 33 nomination packages to Elections BC for them to contact each candidate to provide the Campaign financing requirements.
- Provided the statutory advertisements in local papers and on the website in a reader-friendly format.

Elections BC changed all the voting areas in the Province and the new voting areas did not coincide with municipal boundaries. Consequently, the voters list we received on June 26 contained 87,008 voters with over 600 Abbotsford residents and many City of Langley residents. It took a number of days to purge the Abbotsford and City voters and when we were finished, the number of voters in the Township totaled 84,695 – an increase of 9,000 voters over 2014. With all the additions (938 new voter registrations vs 843 new registrations in 2014) and deletions (for example, no longer living in the Township), the final list totaled 85,452. Using the VoterView program, it allowed instant updating of the List of Registered Electors, which is then forwarded electronically to Elections BC following the election. Elections BC receives an up to date (as of October 20th) list of electors at no cost to them. Again this year, Elections BC took on the role of supervising the filing of campaign financing disclosure forms to be uniform throughout the Province. The deadline for candidates to file their Campaign Financing Disclosure papers with Elections BC is Friday, January 18, 2019. Elections BC will be continuing to provide access to the Campaign Financing Disclosure papers on the Elections BC website. The Township website will provide a link to the Elections BC website.

The Township's IT department was extremely helpful in arranging for the use of 80 laptops and setting them up on General Voting Day, as well as providing internet conductivity to all voting locations and of course, the results being conveyed electronically from most the 16 voting places on General Voting Day.

DISCUSSION/ANALYSIS:

24 Non-Resident Property Electors voted in the 2018 Local Government election of which 19 were new registrations on General Voting Day. There were many name and address changes to the List of Registered Electors. We found that the Advance Voting Opportunity at TWU did not attract a significant number of students as was originally intended but instead, because it was the last day of Advance Voting, attracted a number of "ordinary voters" – possibly due to more time needed to determine who to vote for from the long list of excellent candidates. Consideration will be given to extending the voting time at TWU to 5pm.

Some voting places did not meet our estimate of number of voters which was based on the number of registered voters in that area times the percentage turn-out in 2014 in that area. This, we believe, is due primarily to the large number of voters at the Advance Voting Opportunities that reduced the number of voters on General Voting Day. A chart showing the actual voter turnout over the past four elections, is attached as Attachment "D". The following chart shows a breakdown of the voters at the Advance Voting Opportunities:

Advance Voting Opportunity	Total Votes
Willowbrook – Wednesday, Oct 10 (mandatory Advance Voting Date) – 12 hours	460
Fort Langley – Thursday, Oct 11 – 9 hours	228
Walnut Grove – Friday, Oct 12 – 12 hours	721
Willowbrook – Saturday, Oct 13 – 8 hours	397
Aldergrove – Monday, Oct 15 – 12 hours	511
Murrayville – Tuesday, Oct 16 – 9 hours	809
Brookswood – Wednesday, October 17 – 12 hours	1085
Trinity Western University – Thursday, Oct 18 – 6 hours	355
Total	4,566

Suggestions for improvements for the next election – Saturday, October 15, 2022, include:

- Recommend improvements to the Election and Political Signs Bylaw. A tremendous amount of Township resources were spent on dealing with election signs and responding to many complaints from the public. Part of this review will recommend a shorter time period for the signs to be in place and possibly a monetary penalty to get the election signs back once they have been picked up by Township staff.
- Build upon the success of the 2018 election by continuing with voting machines, (two machines at the larger voting places), internet strike-off of voters, and voter notification cards.
- Build upon the successful Advance Voting by standardizing all voting opportunities from 8:00am to 8:00pm and obtaining use of a larger room at WC Blair Recreation Centre. Although it is the Thanksgiving weekend and a tight timeframe to have some ballots printed and voting machines tested, hold an Advance Voting on Saturday, October 1st in the Civic Facility.
- Have each Advance voting location separate with voting results from each location rather than having all eight days and locations combined as one as was the case this year. The extra cost to do this is minimal.

Respectfully submitted,

Bob Wilson
CHIEF ELECTION OFFICER

and

Wendy Bauer
TOWNSHIP CLERK AND DEPUTY CHIEF ELECTION OFFICER
for
CORPORATE ADMINISTRATION

ATTACHMENT A	Official Election Results for the 2018 Local Government Election
ATTACHMENT B	Breakdown of Votes by Voting Location
ATTACHMENT C	Ballot Account
ATTACHMENT D	Actual Voter Turnout and percentage – 2008 - 2018

Attachment A

Local Government Act
Section 146(2)

TOWNSHIP OF LANGLEY
DECLARATION OF OFFICIAL ELECTION RESULTS
GENERAL LOCAL ELECTION – 2018

I, Robert D. Wilson, Chief Election Officer for the Township of Langley, do hereby declare elected the following candidates, who received the highest number of valid votes for the following offices:

MAYOR

FROESE, Jack

COUNCILLOR

ARNASON, Petrina

DAVIS, David

FERGUSON, Steve

KUNST, Margaret

LONG, Bob

RICHTER, Kim

WHITMARSH, Blair

WOODWARD, Eric

SCHOOL TRUSTEE – TEA #1, SCHOOL DISTRICT No. 35

DYKEMAN, Megan

PERREAULT, Suzanne

ROSS, Rod

TOD, David

WILSON, Marnie

Dated at Langley, BC

this 24th day of October, 2018.



Chief Election Officer

2018 Final Election Results - 16 of 16 voting places

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Attachment B

Candidate - Mayor	Alder	Hope	Coghlan	Poppy	Peacock	Fort	Preston	Glenwood	Hill	Kennedy	Fripps	Park	Garnett	Wix- B	Advance	Spec	Total
FROESE, Jack	980	740	211	1002	742	1095	1056	515	1455	1194	965	492	1239	442	2600	127	14855
REMENIK, Anna	471	498	89	439	405	516	1132	384	635	733	494	267	550	204	1540	50	8407
JOEHL, Alex	123	93	23	122	100	94	126	50	150	152	174	50	189	48	302	13	1809
	1574	1331	323	1563	1247	1705	2314	949	2240	2079	1633	809	1978	694	4442	190	25071

Candidate - Councillor	Alder	Hope	Coghlan	Poppy	Peacock	Fort	Preston	Glenwood	Hill	Kennedy	Fripps	Park	Garnett	Wix- B	Advance	Spec	Total
DAVIS, David	788	563	201	922	540	960	1133	464	1069	879	687	369	773	399	2219	63	12029
WOODWARD, Eric	723	679	154	669	589	905	1000	326	973	1057	857	412	783	288	2126	59	11600
RICHTER, Kim	638	561	129	669	516	557	1091	436	767	799	571	331	749	242	1873	78	10007
LONG, Bob	796	438	157	656	446	544	716	367	917	732	508	393	734	303	1707	79	9493
WHITMARSH, Blair	561	472	130	593	427	606	762	337	989	769	589	265	715	270	1697	47	9229
FERGUSON, Steve	640	473	123	600	449	443	796	359	899	719	610	316	760	270	1658	61	9176
ARNASON, Petrina	448	492	110	527	429	723	999	379	698	730	492	200	573	224	1645	65	8734
KUNST, Margaret	551	380	107	600	382	558	821	312	923	665	570	272	648	236	1460	58	8543
QUAALE, Angie	499	439	93	599	424	544	655	339	810	740	535	231	653	226	1584	69	8440
PRATT, Michael V.	448	427	62	433	350	603	894	304	857	642	550	249	581	210	1506	53	8169
SPARROW, Michelle	414	519	112	517	484	527	595	269	572	870	565	218	619	190	1409	59	7939
WHITTELL, Harold	439	419	113	502	357	829	789	322	575	689	364	208	491	239	1295	23	7654
DORNAN, Bev	559	341	133	612	321	418	564	298	713	509	350	242	503	270	1313	62	7208
ROSS, Kerri	383	332	61	267	306	424	641	236	417	548	481	182	628	162	1174	28	6270
CONNERTY, Michelle	281	304	47	316	291	281	890	267	381	476	371	134	427	147	1093	30	5736
HOUWELING, Jonathan P.	392	298	90	471	304	360	435	167	599	424	448	162	406	187	935	22	5700
CHADDOCK-COSTELLO, Gail	301	371	78	286	300	440	470	154	365	524	320	134	475	138	909	33	5298
HEPPNER, Phyllis	357	271	59	291	222	228	516	194	518	387	284	150	392	146	780	48	4843
TEICHRIEB, Craig	255	239	54	225	246	230	468	182	411	386	385	138	373	111	817	19	4539
WAKELIN, Stacey	187	236	33	193	233	223	344	98	279	394	311	102	410	84	691	17	3835
HUNDAL, Sunny	205	127	23	102	114	119	160	117	180	186	219	82	337	70	467	11	2519
HEE, Gary	120	80	20	86	90	80	102	49	98	132	145	43	247	45	302	15	1654
SHELDON, Terry	70	37	6	36	41	30	58	22	58	45	76	43	115	21	171	19	848

Candidate - School Trustee	Alder	Hope	Coghlan	Poppy	Peacock	Fort	Preston	Glenwood	Hill	Kennedy	Fripps	Park	Garnett	Wix- B	Advance	Spec	Total
DYKEMAN, Megan	809	709	148	758	696	843	1206	533	1094	1201	949	439	1174	356	2423	82	13420
PERREAULT, Suzanne	639	667	107	646	599	757	1043	407	861	1052	829	347	1013	303	2040	72	11382

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WILSON, Marnie	683	632	112	698	604	771	1044	411	845	998	806	389	950	279	2031	75	11328
ROSS, Rod	693	569	130	626	513	711	934	371	959	851	684	358	845	294	1985	76	10599
TODD, David	636	546	107	639	557	672	887	374	847	907	728	329	1035	283	1888	51	10486
LARSEN, Brent	675	426	142	625	425	525	836	290	1011	685	612	339	774	283	1670	61	9379
SNOWDON-EDDY, Cheryl	556	446	122	553	401	429	782	287	888	688	577	266	715	254	1594	58	8616

2018 Election Ballot Account

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Voting Place	Ballots Issued	Voted Ballots	Spoiled	Unused	Unaccounted	
Aldergrove	1790	1608	37	147	-2	1790
Alex Hope	1700	1352	16	328	4	1700
Coghlan	499	330	0	169	0	499
DW Poppy	2500	1604	14	883	-1	2500
Dorothy Peacock	1800	1284	16	489	11	1800
Fort Langley	2499	1809	22	668	0	2499
George Preston	2546	2353	44	151	-2	2546
Glenwood	1800	972	19	809	0	1800
James Hill	3000	2268	30	702	0	3000
James Kennedy	3606	2143	42	1421	0	3606
Lynn Fripps	3000	1679	25	1296	0	3000
Parkside	1200	827	13	360	0	1200
RC Garnett	3400	2034	44	1323	-1	3400
Wix-Brown	1000	706	16	278	0	1000
Advance	4746	4566	77	103	0	4746
Special	400	212	15	173	0	400
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Attachment "C"

The unaccounted number of ballots are largely due to the ballot packs have less or more than 50

Actual Voter turnout and percentage – 2008 to 2018

Attachment “D”

	Voting Place	2008 Actual Voters	% of Total Voters 2008	2011 Actual Voters	% of Total Voters 2011	2014 Actual Voters	% of Total Voters 2014	2018 Actual Voters	% of Total Voters 2018
1	Aldergrove	1197	8.17	1651	8.74	1742	7.69	1608	6.24
2	Alex Hope	840	5.73					1352	5.25
3	Coghlan	434	2.96	294	1.56	352	1.55	330	1.28
4	DW Poppy	1330	9.08	1623	8.60	1743	7.70	1604	6.24
5	Dorothy Peacock	845	5.77	1189	6.27	1380	6.10	1284	4.99
6	Fort Langley	983	6.71	1367	7.27	1670	7.37	1809	7.03
7	George Preston	1656	11.30	2732	14.50	2563	11.31	2353	9.14
8	Glenwood	853	5.82			1205	5.32	972	3.78
9	James Hill	1641	11.20	2022	10.72	2107	9.30	2268	8.80
10	James Kennedy	1391	9.49	2576	13.64	3052	13.46	2143	8.32
11	Lynn Fripps	675	4.61	1182	6.30	1241	5.48	1679	6.52
12	Parkside Cent.	507	3.46	624	3.30	785	3.47	827	3.21
13	RC Garnett	887	6.05	1024	5.42	1925	8.50	2034	7.90
14	Wix-Brown	671	4.58	746	4.00	662	2.92	706	2.74
15	Advance	682	4.65	1630	8.62	1993	8.80	4566	17.73
16	Special	62	.42	204	1.06	234	1.03	212	.82
	Totals	14,654	100%	18,694	100%	22,654	100%	25,747	99.50%