

# Election & Assent Voting

## Officer Appointments & Updated Bylaw

Regional District of Central Okanagan Board Meeting

May 12, 2022

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# 2022 General Local Election

## Election Officer Appointments

- Chief Election Officer
- Deputy Chief Election Officers (2)

Authorize Chief Election Officer to enter into relevant agreements, ie:

- School District cost-sharing
- Voting location rentals

# Election Bylaw Review: Current RDCO bylaws

## Considerations when reviewing:

- ❖ Candidates, Electors, election staff - general readability and/or best practices
- ❖ Bylaw No.1417 – Election and Assent Voting Procedures Bylaw
  - Legislative changes – expanded eligibility for Mail Ballot voting
  - Voting opportunities – maximize available options
- ❖ Bylaw No.1416 – Automated Vote Counting System and Procedure Bylaw
  - Legislative changes - require mail ballot voting procedures
  - Use of vote counting system – align voting options

## Options:

- Amend existing two bylaws;
- Create a new mail ballot bylaw;
- Consolidate into one new bylaw.

# Election Bylaw Review: Proposed Changes

## Election and Assent Voting Bylaw No.1503

- Updated language and numbering
- Added minimum number of nominators
- Added alphabetical order of names on ballot
- Aligned required advance voting opportunities with legislation
- Added additional advance voting opportunities
- Updated special voting authorization
- Updated mail ballot voting authorization
  - *added procedures under Schedule “A”*
- Authorized automated vote counting machines
  - *added procedures under Schedule “B”*

# Recommendation #1

**THAT** the Regional Board receive the 2022 Election Officer Appointments and Election Bylaw report from the Corporate Officer dated May 12, 2022;

**AND THAT** the Regional Board appoint the following election officers for the 2022 General Local Election:

- Chief Election Officer – Karen Needham, Corporate Officer
- Deputy Chief Election Officer – Corie Griffiths, Director of Corporate Services
- Deputy Chief Election Officer – Sandi Horning, Supervisor of Corporate Services

**AND THAT** the Chief Election Officer be authorized to enter into agreements with relevant third parties for the purposes of conducting the 2022 General Local Election;

**AND FURTHER THAT** the Regional Board give first, second and third reading to Election and Assent Voting Bylaw No. 1503, 2022.

# Recommendation #2

**THAT** the Regional Board adopt Election and Assent Voting Bylaw No. 1503, 2022.



Questions?