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# CITY OF KELOWNA

## MEMORANDUM

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**Date:** December 4, 2002  
**To:** City Manager  
**From:** Chief Election Officer  
**Subject:** 2002 General Local Government Elections

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### **Recommendation:**

THAT the final report from the Chief Election Officer for the 2002 General Local Government Election be received.

### **Background:**

### **Official Results:**

The official results of the 2002 election were declared, as required by the *Local Government Act*, on Wednesday, November 20, 2002. These were confirmed to be identical to the unofficial results published on election night, November 16, 2002. A summary of those results, with a summary of the ballot account, is attached to this report.

### **Advance Voting Opportunities:**

The dates, times, and location of advance voting opportunities were set by Council, through Bylaw No. 8860, which was adopted on May 28, 2002. There were two opportunities, both at Parkinson Recreation Centre, on November 6<sup>th</sup> and November 12<sup>th</sup>, 2002, from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. Six-hundred and sixty-one electors cast ballots at the advance voting opportunities.

### **Special Voting Opportunities:**

Six special voting opportunities were held (up from five in the 1999 election) at the following locations: Lakeshore Place, Hawthorn Park, Kiwanis Tower, Cottonwoods, Sun Pointe and Kelowna General Hospital. All were pre-arranged directly with the facilities themselves, and all but KGH were held on a date and time prior to general voting day. The purpose of special voting opportunities is limited, by law, to that of providing, to those electors who might not otherwise have an opportunity to vote, a chance to cast their ballots. As has been the case in the past, special voting was limited to patients, residents and staff of the facilities at which the voting was held. A total of two hundred and eighteen electors cast ballots at the special voting opportunities.

### **General Voting Opportunities:**

General voting was held on November 16, 2002, from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. at the following locations: Bankhead Elementary School, Dorothea Walker Elementary School, East Kelowna Community Hall, ICC Parish Hall, KLO Middle School, KSS, Parkinson Recreation Centre, Rutland Middle School, Springvalley Middle School, and Watson Road Elementary School.

Elections in Kelowna, are conducted via "voting day registration", as opposed to a "voters list". This procedure has been in place since the 1996 general local government election in Kelowna,

and is required by the City's Elector Registration Bylaw No. 8086. The City Clerk's Office is in the process of auditing the 2002 voter registration books and has not found any irregularities to date.

Though turnout in municipal elections in British Columbia is traditionally low (averaging around 30%), estimated turnout for the City of Kelowna election this year was very low (under 25%), as it was for most of the Central Okanagan as a whole, with the exception of the District of Peachland. Staff has been advised by the Chief Election Officers of the District of Lake Country and the Central Okanagan Regional District that their estimated overall voter turnout was approximately 27% and 25% respectively.

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Allison M. Flack, Chief Election Officer

Cc: David Shipclark, Deputy Chief Election Officer

## Summary of Results and Ballot Accounts

<b>Candidates for Mayor</b>	<b>VOTES</b>
GRAY, Walter (Elected)	14,130
UITVLUGT, Andy	1,937

<b>Candidates for Councillor</b>	<b>VOTES</b>
BLANLEIL, André (Elected)	9,948
CANNAN, Ron (Elected)	9,079
CLARK, Barrie (Elected)	6,929
CLARK, Doug	1,816
DAY, Colin (Elected)	5,531
GIVEN, Brian (Elected)	6,147
HOBSON, Robert Douglas (Elected)	10,398
HOCKEY, Ron	1,310
HORNING, Al (Elected)	7,821
IAFRANCESCO, Joe	4,155
KOSTIUK, Bill	776
KOVACIC, Willy	770
KUIPERS, Greg	2,211
MARSHALL, John	2,863
NELSON, Smiley	4,976
PORTEOUS, David	2,886
RAJABALLY, Mo	3,046
ROCK, Jason	1,044
RULE, Michele	4,503
SCHULTZ, Peter	4,967
SHEPHERD, Sharon (Elected)	10,806
STONE, Cheryl	3,720

<b>Candidates for School Trustee</b>	<b>VOTES</b>
BUCKLEY, Eric (Elected)	5,436
CHISHOLM, Mike	4,031
DAVIS, Lloyd	2,555
EDIS, Warren	3,806
HORAN, Caryl (Elected)	5,837
HORNING, Wayne (Elected)	7,113
McINTOSH, Don	4,567
NETTLETON, Don	3,847
SCANLAN, Gail (Elected)	6,949

	<b>Mayor</b>	<b>Councillor</b>	<b>School Trustee</b>
Total number of ballots given out:	16,876	16,876	16,863
Ballots rejected (over voted or blank voted):	568	108	2,081
Spoilt Ballots:	241	241	240
Ballots accepted with valid marks:	<u>16,067</u>	<u>16,527</u>	<u>14,542</u>
Total:	16,876	16,876	16,863