CITY OF KELOWNA

MEMORANDUM

 Date:
 June 15, 2005

 File No.:
 4200 – 08 / 2005 Election - Staffing

To: Mayor and Council

From: City Manager

Subject: Appointment of Chief and Deputy Chief Election Officers General Election, November 19th, 2005

RECOMMENDATION

THAT Allison Flack be appointed Chief Election Officer and Stephen Fleming be appointed Deputy Chief Election Officer in accordance with Section 41 of the *Local Government Act*, for the purpose of conducting the 2005 general local government election;

AND THAT the Chief Election Officer be authorized to retain such legal counsel as may be required with reference to any matters pertaining to the election;

AND FURTHER THAT the Chief Election Officer be authorized to enter into agreements with School District No. 23 and other local governments as may be beneficial to the voting public and all jurisdictions in connection with the election.

BACKGROUND

In accordance with the *Local Government Act*, Council is required to appoint a Chief Election Officer and a Deputy Chief Election Officer for the purposes of conducting the 2005 local government election, which includes the election of a school board for School District No. 23. The Chief Election Officer will be responsible for the appointment of other election personnel, designating voting places, and ensuring that the conduct of the election complies with all of the requirements of the *Local Government Act* and the *School Act*.

In the past several elections the City has come to a cost-sharing arrangement with School District No. 23 in order that the cost of conducting the election of school trustees is recovered.

In order to ensure that any legal issues that arise around the 2005 general local government election, it is recommended that the Chief Election Officer be authorized to retain such legal counsel as may be required.

Ron Born, City Manager