



Date: 29/05/2018

AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY

To: Chair and Directors, Cariboo Regional District Board
And To: John MacLean, Chief Administrative Officer
From: Alice Johnston, Corporate Officer
Date of Meeting: Cariboo Regional District Board_Jun22_2018
File: 3900-20-5149

Short Summary:

Election and Assent Voting Bylaw No. 5149, 2018

Voting:

Corporate Vote - Unweighted

Memorandum:

Local governments have until July 9th to adopt bylaws that will apply to the general local election this fall. The only amendment that staff have included in the CRD's elections and assent voting bylaw is the addition of an optional additional advance voting opportunity that may be utilized at the discretion of the Chief Election Officer.

The reason this amendment has been included is that certain areas of the regional district have consistently low (or no) voter turnout; however, we don't want to entirely remove the opportunity to vote in these communities. This amendment will allow an additional advance voting opportunity to be conducted at reduced hours, which will enable electors to vote locally without adding the full expense of a general voting opportunity and tying up staffing resources for twelve hours on general voting day. School District 27 is also considering this option for some areas, which will be useful for our elections partnership.

Attachments:

Bylaw No. 5149

Financial Implications:

This amendment provides an opportunity for cost savings by reducing the number of hours for facility rental and staffing costs.

Policy Implications:

None

Alignment with Strategic Plan:

Ensuring Sufficient and Sustainable Funding

- Building on our Relationships
- Providing Cost Effective High Quality Services
- Focusing on Being Well Governed

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CAO Comments:

I concur with this recommendation.

Options:

- 1) Endorse recommendations;
- 2) Receipt and other action.

Recommendation:

#1: That the agenda item summary from Alice Johnston, Corporate Officer, dated May 29, 2018, regarding Bylaw No. 5149, be received. Further, that Election and Assent Voting Bylaw No. 5149, 2018 be read a first, second and third time this 22nd day of June, 2018.

#2: That Election and Assent Voting Bylaw No. 5149, 2018 be adopted this 22nd day of June, 2018.