



**Date:** 22/05/2024

**To:** Chair and Directors, Cariboo Regional District Board

**And To:** Murray Daly, Chief Administrative Officer

**From:** Alice Johnston, Manager of Corporate Services/Deputy CAO

**Date of Meeting:** Cariboo Regional District Board\_Jun20\_2024

**File:** 4210-20-24-02

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## Short Summary:

Appointment of Chief and Deputy Chief Election Officers – Forest Grove Fire Tender Replacement Assent Vote

## Voting:

Corporate Vote - Unweighted

## Memorandum:

The Forest Grove Volunteer Fire Department is in need of a replacement fire tender and the assent process will take place this summer. The Board has had success in elector assent via referendum for fire truck replacements. To meet timelines, it is recommended that the Board appoint the Chief and Deputy Chief Election Officers so that work may commence.

## Attachments:

None

## Financial Implications:

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## Policy Implications:

None

## Alignment with Strategic Plan:

- Infrastructure and Asset Management:** To establish a systematic, predictable approach to managing the regional district's assets and infrastructure that builds on current asset management data and condition assessments.
- Enhanced Communications and Engagement:** To build trust and credibility of the regional district by enhancing our communications and engagement with citizens, stakeholders, and volunteers.

- ❑ **Effective and Responsive Land Use Planning and Development:** To ensure our land use planning and development is responsive to future growth and housing needs, anticipates risks and hazards associated with climate change and provides efficient and consistent processes for landowners and developers.
- ❑ **Relationships with First Nations:** To foster a healthy and inclusive region by building and strengthening our relationships with First Nations and embracing the principles of reconciliation.

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### **CAO Comments:**

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### **Options:**

- 1) Endorse the recommendation;
- 2) Appoint other people to the positions.

### **Recommendation:**

That the Board proceed to referendum to obtain elector assent for the Forest Grove Fire Protection Service fire tender replacement. Further, that Alice Johnston be appointed Chief Election Officer, and Lore Schick be appointed Deputy Chief Election Officer for the 2024 Forest Grove Fire Protection Service fire tender replacement referendum.

Further still, that the question on the ballot be as follows:

“Are you in favour of the Cariboo Regional District borrowing up to \$600,000 over 10 years for the replacement of a fire tender for the Forest Grove Fire Protection Service?”

*(The current ad valorem residential tax rate for the Forest Grove Fire Protection Service is \$117.66/\$100,000. Based on 2024 assessed values, the estimated annual cost including the borrowing translates to a residential tax rate of \$150.04/\$100,000 of the net taxable assessed value of improvements.)”*