

March 1, 2021

PRELIMINARY CITY OF CAMPBELL RIVER MUNICIPAL BY-ELECTION RESULTS

By-election results are in, with Sean Smyth receiving the most votes to fill the vacant seat on Campbell River city council.

Following a final review of the ballot counts, the chief election officer will declare official results at noon on March 3.

Due to the ongoing pandemic, the swearing in ceremony will follow COVID-19 safety procedures, and the new City Councillor will be sworn in at 3 p.m. in Council Chambers prior to the March 8 Council meeting.

A total of 2,439 ballots were cast, with 303 people voting by mail and 1,075 during advance polls.

Voter turnout was approximately 8.6 per cent. Voter turnout in the 2018 municipal election was 24.4 per cent.

Number of votes cast for all eight candidates were:

BLACKBURN, Ken - 477

CHAPMAN, Douglas - 106

DONALDSON, Kealy - 182

GARAT, Devon - 70

JEWELL, Stephen - 14

ROED, Wes - 166

SLISKOVIC, Laurel - 421

SMYTH, Sean - 1003

The by-election was held to fill a vacancy on City Council as a result of former City Councillor Michele Babchuk being elected as the MLA during the provincial election in the fall.

The by-election was advertised through local news media (newspaper, radio station and Shaw TV) as well as on the City's website, social media channels and city roadside reader boards. It was also promoted through local organizations such as the Chamber of Commerce and by the candidates.

Please direct any questions about the election to chief elections officer Elle Brovold (by email to Elle.Brovold@CampbellRiver.ca or telephone 250-286-5709).

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COVID-19

Please note: We have new procedures in place to help prevent the spread of COVID-19.

We are gradually – carefully – resuming in-person services and limited public access to City facilities. For the most recent information on City services, please see our website (campbellriver.ca). Reach us with general inquiries by email (info@campbellriver.ca) or telephone **250-286-5700**.