



## **PUBLIC NOTICE**

### **TRUSTEE ELECTORAL AREA 1 UPDATE**

On October 15, 2022, a general school election was conducted for School District No. 49 (Central Coast), which included an election for three trustee positions for Trustee Electoral Area 1 (“TEA-1”). Following the election, Terry Weber and Marisa Blewett were elected to two of the three available trustee positions for TEA-1, but it was determined there was a tie in votes between Christina Hoppe and Nicola Koroluk for the third and final trustee position, with each having received 154 votes, respectively.

Pursuant to Part 3, Division 15 of the *Local Government Act*, the Chief Election Officer brought an application to the Provincial Court on Friday, October 21, 2022 seeking a judicial recount in respect of the tied vote for the trustee position to determine the successful candidate. The hearing to consider this application took place before a Judge of the Provincial Court on Monday, October 24, 2022 at 2:25 p.m. in the Bella Coola Courthouse at Moose Hall.

On October 23, 2022, the Chief Election Officer was notified by an elector that there was an error in adding the ballots on the final election results reported for TEA-1 for candidate Christina Hoppe. This elector was correct and an analysis of the calculations conducted on the morning of October 24, 2022 revealed that the number of ballots for the advance poll was typed into the spreadsheet incorrectly and inadvertently and should have reflected 43 ballots rather than 44. This typographical error did not, however, change the final vote count total and candidates Hoppe and Koroluk remained tied at 154 votes.

These facts and the updated spreadsheet were presented to the Judge at the judicial recount hearing and entered as an exhibit to the application.

On October 24, 2022, the Provincial Court approved the request for a judicial recount and the recount was conducted in the courtroom whereby it was confirmed that there was a tie between the two candidates.

In accordance with the School District’s Election Bylaw, and pursuant to the authority set out under section 151 of the *Local Government Act*, where a judicial recount results in a tied vote

the winner of the tied election is to be determined by the drawing of lots. Accordingly, both candidates' names were placed into a container in the courtroom, the Sheriff drew one name from the container, and the Judge then read the drawn name aloud in the courtroom.

The candidate deemed to be elected by this process is Christina Hoppe.

The affected candidates have been advised of the process and the result. The official election results will be updated to reflect this outcome.

Janet Prestley  
Chief Election Officer