



TIE VOTE WILL REQUIRE JUDICIAL RECOUNT OF MAYOR'S BALLOT

On General Voting Day, a voting machine miss-fed a ballot, which caused the voting machine to jam. The machine prompted the Presiding Election Official to re-insert the ballot, but before the Official could do so, the miss-fed ballot landed in the sealed ballot box. This was immediately reported to the Chief Elections Officer, who made note of the issue. No other issues were experienced with the voting machines.

The preliminary results were announced on Saturday evening, and on Monday the Chief Elections Officer conducted a verification process for the Mayor's race. This was done because of the closeness of the results – just one vote separated the top two candidates for Mayor. The verification process was conducted in the presence of the two top Mayoral candidates and/or their representatives. The verification and ballot accounting process has concluded that there is a tie for the position of Mayor.

The Chief Election Officer will be applying for a Judicial Recount of the Mayor's ballot, pursuant to the Local Government Act Sections 146 and 148, to determine the results. The Judicial Recount must be conducted within 13 days after the general election. If a tie is confirmed, the winner must be determined by the drawing of lot, pursuant to the District's Election Procedures Bylaw No. 2235, which is conducted by the Provincial Courts.

Issued by Polly Palmer, Chief Election Officer
District of Peachland
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