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TO:	Mayor & Council	DATE:	June 5, 2002
FROM:	Acting City Clerk	FILE:	4200-01
SUBJECT:	2002 General Local Election		

PURPOSE

The Local Government Act provides Council with the authority to deal with a number of local general election matters through different optional approaches. Council must exercise this authority by by-law. The purpose of this report is to document the options that are available and to make recommendations for Council's consideration in each case. The *Local Government Act* requires that election by-laws be adopted by August 2, 2002.

1. Register of Electors

Section 59 of the *Local Government Act* provides that instead of maintaining an ongoing register of resident electors, a local government may, by by-law, provide that the most current available Provincial list of voters prepared under the Election Act is to be the register of resident electors. Any previous register of resident electors of the jurisdiction is cancelled, effective at the time the Provincial list of voters becomes the register. Since 1987 Council has authorized the Provincial list to form the basis of Surrey's Register of Electors with the intent always being to provide the most up-to-date list at the most economical cost to the municipality.

RECOMMENDATION

- (a) That pursuant to Section 59 of the *Local Government Act*, the existing Register of Electors be cancelled;
- (b) That the City Clerk be directed to prepare a new Register of Electors based on the Provincial list updated to include January 16, 2002;
- (c) That the form of the Register of Electors consist of a computer disc and printout; and

(d) That the Provincial Registration cards be utilized to solicit new registrations.

(Note: No change from last election recommended).

2. Advance Voting Days

Pursuant to Section 97 and Section 98 of the *Local Government Act*, at least two advance voting opportunities must be held for an election, with one of these having to be on the tenth day before general voting day - Wednesday, November 6, 2002, and the other to be established by by-law.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council authorize five advance voting days for the election, namely the mandatory advance voting day ten days before general voting day (Wednesday, November 6th), as well as Saturday, November 2, Monday, November 4, Tuesday, November 5, and Thursday, November 7. Such voting opportunities to be held at the Fleetwood Community Recreation Centre, 15996 - 84 Avenue, and at Elgin Hall, 14250 Crescent Road from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

(Note: An additional advance voting location is recommended for the 2002 Election).

3. Special Voting Opportunities

Section 99 of the *Local Government Act* provides for the establishment of Special Voting Opportunities. The main purpose of mobile polls is to give those patients in the hospital as well as those who are resident in seniors' homes the opportunity to vote. All of our 70 main voting places will provide "curbside" voting when requested by a voter. This will enable those to vote who would be unable to enter a voting place because of a physical disability or impaired mobility.

Staff has reviewed the Special Voting Opportunities (SVO'S) with a view to updating the SVO's to take into consideration new facilities constructed since the last review.

As part of the review, information on intermediate care, long term care and seniors' residences was obtained from the following sources:

- South Fraser Public Health Unit
- British Columbia Housing Management Commission
- British Columbia Association of Private Care
- Telus Yellow Pages

There are a number of care facilities in the City ranging in size from a capacity of 2 residents, up to 350 residents. Short time lines do not permit us to attend to all facilities, and therefore, we have established a criteria of including those facilities with over 50 residents in our SVO's. (Vancouver also uses the criteria of 50

or more resident/patients).

Therefore we are recommending removing the Odd Fellows Home and Bonnymuir Lodge Ltd. (under 50 residents) from the list, and adding

- Guildford Seniors Village
- Pacific Carlton
- Kiwanis Village
- Sunnyside Villa
- Crescent Gardens
- Morgan Place
- Amos Ferguson Manor

(over 50 residents) to our list.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council approve the special voting opportunities attached as Appendix "A".

(Note: Changes detailed in discussion of SVO's).

4. Mail Ballots

Section 100 of the *Local Government Act* provides that Council may permit both mail ballot voting and mail elector registration. This section applies only to those persons having a physical disability, illness or injury that affects their ability to use other available voting opportunities. As well, the main voting places will provide "curbside" voting.

RECOMMENDATION

That mail ballot voting and mail elector registration not be provided in the 2002 Local General Election

(Note: No change from last election recommended).

5. Ballot Name Order

Pursuant to Section 107 of the *Local Government Act*, Council may, by by-law, direct that the order of candidate names on a ballot be determined by "Lot". Alternatively, in the absence of such a by-law, candidate names will be arranged alphabetically by surname on the election ballot.

To establish the order of the candidate names by "Lot" it is necessary to have all candidates in attendance during the draw. Given the tight time frames between the close of nominations and the end of the challenge of nomination period, arranging a meeting with all the candidates would leave little time to ensure that the ballots are properly printed and ready for the election. This option is also available in relation to the election of School Trustees. Staff will be in contact with the School District staff in this regard.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council take no action in this regard, as in the absence of a by-law to determine candidate names on a ballot, the *Local Government Act* requires the names to be listed in alphabetical order.

(Note: No change from last election recommended).

6. Election Ties

Pursuant to Section 141 of the *Local Government Act*, Council may, by by-law, provide that if, on completion of a mandatory judicial recount, two or more candidates have an equal number of votes, the result of the election will be determined by "Lot" in accordance with Section 141. Otherwise, a tie election vote will require a runoff election in accordance with Section 142 of the *Local Government Act*.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council instruct the Acting City Clerk to bring forward a by-law that states that if, on completion of a mandatory judicial recount, two or more candidates have an equal number of votes, the result of the election shall be determined by lot, in accordance with Section 141 of the *Local Government Act*.

(Note: No change from last election recommended).

7. Neighbourhood Constituencies

The term "neighbourhood constituencies" was formerly known as "wards". Section 36.1 of the *Local Government Act* indicates that municipalities may provide that all or some of their Councillors be elected on a neighbourhood constituency basis. The by-law would have to specify areas of the neighbourhood constituency and would have to be approved by the Lt. Governor in Council prior to adoption. If there is no provision by by-law, then members are to be elected at large.

RECOMMENDATION

Not applicable.

8. Number of Scrutineers at Voting Places

Pursuant to Section 110(3) of the *Local Government Act*, Council may, by by-law, increase the number of scrutineers permitted to be present for each ballot box. If no by-law is adopted, only one scrutineer per candidate is permitted to be present for each ballot box in use for that election.

Since the City now uses automated ballot counting machines, and since there will be only one ballot having a separate section for Councillors, the Mayor and School Trustees, there will only be one ballot box per voting place. Since the 1993 local government elections, each candidate has been allowed only one scrutineer per ballot box.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council establish that one scrutineer per candidate will be permitted to be present for each ballot box.

(Note: No change from last election recommended).

9. Nomination Deposits

Pursuant to Section 72.1 of the *Local Government Act*, Council may, by by-law, require that a nomination for Mayor, Councillor, or electoral Area Director, be accompanied by a nomination deposit. The amount of nomination deposit may be different for the different offices, but must not be greater than \$100. The deposit is only forfeited if the nominated person does not file a Disclosure Statement as required by S.90 of the *Local Government Act*. Council did not adopt a by-law under this Section in the 1999 election.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council not introduce a by-law requiring a deposit for the nomination of Mayor or Councillor.

(Note: No change from last election recommended).

10. Voting Divisions

Pursuant to Section 103 of the *Local Government Act*, Council may, by by-law establish voting divisions, or authorize the designated municipal office or Chief Election Officer to establish municipal voting divisions. (i.e., polling places).

The 1999 local general election was held using 70 voting divisions in the City and this number of divisions was satisfactory. The polling division boundaries have been shifted slightly to accommodate residential growth in the City. Each polling division will accommodate approximately 4,000 voters.

Some changes have been made in the polling places as follows:

- Poll #25 (formerly Betty Huff Elementary) is replaced by David Brankin Elementary;

- Poll #50 (Surrey Centre) is replaced by A.J. McLellan;
- Poll #66 (formerly Semiahmoo Secondary) is replaced by Sunnyside Community Hall;
- Poll #67 (formerly Sunnyside Community Hall) is replaced by Earl Marriott Secondary;

RECOMMENDATION

That Council approve the establishment of 70 voting divisions as described in Appendix "B" attached to this report for the 2002 Local General Election, and the boundaries as shown in Appendix "C" attached to this report.

(Note: Changes detailed in discussion).

11. Critical Dates

For your information, critical dates of interest have been attached as Appendix "D".

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Appendix A

Special Voting Opportunity	Time
Cherington Place 13453 - 111A Avenue Surrey, BC V3R 2C5	9:00 am - 11:30 am
Hilton Villa Care Centre 13525 Hilton Road Surrey, BC V3R 5J3	1:30 pm – 4:00 pm
Kinsmen Place Lodge 13333 Old Yale Road	9:00 am – 11:30 am

Surrey, BC V3T 4A2	
Guildford Seniors Village 14568 – 104A Avenue Surrey, BC V3R 1R3	1:30 pm – 4:00 pm
Ted Kuhn Senior Citizens Residence 13350 Old Yale Road Surrey, BC V3T 3C7	9:00 am – 11:30 am
Ted Kuhn Senior Citizens Residence 13352 Old Yale Road Surrey, BC V3T 5A4	1:30 pm – 4:00 pm
Imperial Place 13853 - 102 Avenue Surrey, BC V3T 1P2	9:00 am – 11:30 am
Len Shepherd Senior Citizens Manor 15090 - 101 Avenue Surrey, BC V3R 6T4	1:30 pm – 4:00 pm
Shirley Dean Pavilion 9634 King George Highway Surrey, BC V3V 1Z2	9:30 am – 11:30 am
Dainard Pavilion / Charles Barham c/o Surrey Memorial Hospital 13750 – 96 Avenue Surrey, BC V3V 1Z2	1:30 pm – 4:00 pm
Surrey Memorial Hospital 13750 - 96 Avenue Surrey, BC V3V 1Z2	9:00 am to 4:00 pm

Bear Creek Lodge (formerly Guildford Regency Care Home) 13646 - 94A Avenue Surrey, BC V3V 1N1	9:00 am – 11:30 am
Newton Regency Intermediate Care Facility 13855 - 68 Avenue Surrey, BC V3W 2G9	1:30 pm – 4:00 pm
Westminster House 1653 - 140 Street Surrey, BC V4A 4H1	9:00 am – 11:30 am
Zion Park Manor 5939 - 180th Street Surrey, BC V3S 4L2	1:30 pm – 4:00 pm
Peace Portal Lodge 15441 - 16 Avenue Surrey, BC V4A 8T8	9:30 am – 12:00 am
Sunnyside Manor 15340 - 17th Avenue Surrey, BC V4A 1T9	1:30 pm – 4:00 pm
Whitecliff Retirement Residence 15501 - 16th Avenue Surrey, BC V4A 9M5	9:00 am – 11:30 am
Pacific Carlton 15366 – 17 Avenue Surrey, BC V4A 1T9	1:30 pm – 4:00 pm
Peace Arch Hospital Acute Care Services	9:00 am – 4:00 pm

15521 Russell Avenue White Rock, B.C. V4B 2R4	
Kiwanis Village 12882 – 26 Avenue Surrey, BC V4P 1R9	9:00 am – 11:30 am
Sunnyside Villas 2603 – 151 Street Surrey, BC V4P 1N3	1:30 pm – 4:00 pm
Crescent Gardens 1222 King George Highway Surrey, BC V4A 9W6	9:00 am – 4:00 pm
Morgan Place 3288 – 156A Street Surrey, BC V3S 9T1	9:30 am – 12:00 am
Amos Ferguson Manor 8243 – 152 nd Street Surrey, BC V3S 3M6	2:00 pm – 4:00 pm

Appendix "B"
Voting Divisions for 2002

1.	Bridgeview Elementary	12834 - 115A Avenue
1.	James Ardiel Elementary	13751 - 112 Avenue
1.	Discovery Elementary	13104 - 109 Avenue
1.	Forsyth Road Elementary	10730 – 139 Street
1.	Mary Jane Shannon Elementary	10682 - 144 Street
1.	Ellendale Elementary	14525 - 110A Avenue

1.	Hjorth Road Elementary	14781 - 104 Avenue
1.	Harold Bishop Elementary	15670 - 104 Avenue
1.	Dogwood Elementary	10752 - 157 Street
1.	Fraser Wood Elementary	10650 - 164 Street
1.	Bothwell Elementary	17070 - 102 Avenue
1.	Gilmore Residence	220 Dyke Road, Barnston Island
1.	West Whalley Jr. Secondary	13105 - 104 Avenue
1.	Prince Charles Elementary	12405 - 100 Avenue
1.	Royal Heights Elementary	11665 - 97 Avenue
1.	Cedar Hills Elementary	12370 - 98 Avenue
1.	Old Yale Road Elementary	10135 - 132 Street
1.	AHP Matthew Elementary	13367 - 97 Avenue
1.	Lena Shaw Elementary	14250 - 100A Avenue
1.	St. Luke Lutheran Church	10167 - 148 Street
1.	Bonaccord Elementary	14986 - 98 Avenue
1.	William F. Davidson Elementary	15550 - 99A Avenue
1.	North Surrey Secondary	15945 - 96 Avenue
1.	Kirkbride Elementary	12150 - 92 Avenue
1.	David Brankin Elementary	9160 - 128 Street
1.	Queen Elizabeth Sr. Secondary	9457 - 136 Street
1.	Creekside Elementary	13838 - 91 Avenue
1.	Simon Cunningham Elementary	9380 - 140 Street
1.	Green Timbers Elementary	8824 - 144 Street
1.	Berkshire Park Elementary	15372 - 94 Avenue
1.	Serpentine Heights Elementary	16126 - 93A Avenue
1.	Kennedy Trail Elementary	8305 - 122A Street
1.	Brookside Elementary	8555 - 142A Street

1.	Newton Elementary	13359 - 81 Avenue
1.	Janice Churchill Elementary	8226 - 146 Street
1.	Coyote Creek Elementary	8131 - 156 Street
1.	Walnut Road Elementary	16152 - 82 Avenue
1.	Strawberry Hill Elementary	7633 - 124 Street
1.	Dr. F.D. Sinclair Elementary	7480 - 128 Street
1.	Frank Hurt Secondary	13940 - 77 Avenue
1.	Cougar Creek Elementary	12236 - 70A Avenue
1.	W.E. Kinvig Elementary	13266 - 70B Avenue
1.	Georges Vanier Elementary	6985 - 142 Street
1.	McLeod Road Elementary	6325 - 142 Street
1.	T.E. Scott Elementary	7079 - 148 Street
1.	George Greenaway Elementary	17285 - 61A Avenue
1.	Clayton Elementary	7541 - 184 Street
1.	J.T. Brown Elementary	12530 - 60 Avenue
1.	North Ridge Elementary	13460 - 62 Avenue
1.	AJ McLellan Elementary	16545 - 61 Avenue
1.	Martha Currie Elementary	5811 - 184 Street
1.	Cloverdale Elementary	17857 - 56 Avenue
1.	Don Christian Elementary	6256 - 184 Street
1.	Latimer Road Elementary	19233 - 60 Avenue
1.	Colebrook Elementary	5404 - 125A Street
1.	Chantrell Creek Elementary	2575 - 137 Street
1.	Kensington Prairie Elementary	16824 - 32 Avenue
1.	Crescent Park Elementary	2440 - 128 Street
1.	Ocean Cliff Elementary	12550 - 20 Avenue
1.	Ocean Park Community Hall	1577 - 128 Street

1.	Laronde Elementary	1880 Laronde Drive
1.	Ray Shepherd Elementary	1650 - 136 Street
1.	Bayridge Elementary	1730 - 142 Street
1.	Sunnyside Elementary	15250 - 28 Avenue
1.	Jessie Lee Elementary	2064 - 154 Street
1.	Sunnyside Community Hall	1845 - 154 Street
1.	Earl Marriott Secondary	15751 – 16 Avenue
1.	South Meridian Elementary	16244 - 13 Avenue
1.	East Kensington Elementary	2795 - 184 Street
1.	Hall's Prairie Elementary	18035 - 8 Avenue

DATE	EVENT
May 14	Last date to meet 6 month British Columbia residency requirement to qualify as an elector.
August 30	Nomination Packages available.
September 24	Advance voter registration closes.
October 1	Nominations period begins at 9:00 a.m.
October 11	Nomination period closes at 4:00 p.m.
October 11	Declaration of Candidates at 4:30 p.m.
October 15	Deadline for challenge of nominations.
October 16	Last day to qualify as an elector (30 day City of Surrey residency requirement).
October 18	4:00 p.m. deadline for court decisions if any challenges to a nomination.
October 18	Deadline to withdraw as a candidate.
October 18	Last date to withdraw as an elector organization.

November 2	Advance Poll
November 4	Advance Poll
November 5	Advance Poll
November 6	Advance Poll
November 7	Advance Poll
November 12	Special Voting Opportunities
November 16	General Voting Day