

## **Electoral Area C By-Election Update**

The Regional District of Nanaimo (RDN) will be proceeding with a by-election for a Director to represent Electoral Area C on the RDN Board within the next 80 days per legislative requirements. The by-election is taking place due to the passing of long-time Director Maureen Young in November. The RDN Board appointed the Chief Election Officer on March 8, 2022. The Chief Election Officer sets the election date as well as the nomination period for interested candidates. The RDN will announce these dates as soon as they are confirmed.

In consideration of logistical challenges and cost of holding a by-election with the heightened restrictions due to the current COVID-19 variant, as well as the short period that a newly elected Director would serve until the general election on October 15, 2022, the RDN Board passed the following motion on January 11, 2022:

“That staff be directed to follow up with the Minister of Municipal Affairs, Hon. Josie Osborne, to discuss if the requirements for a by-election in Electoral Area C can be waived, and that this item be deferred to the next Board meeting.”

On January 12, 2022, RDN Board Chair Tyler Brown sent a letter to the Honourable Josie Osborne in follow up to the motion to determine if the by-election could be waived. On March 7, 2022, a response was received from the Honourable Nathan Cullen, Minister of Municipal Affairs, confirming that “...there are no legislative mechanisms to waive the requirement to hold a by-election.”


Alternate Director Charles Pinker will remain as the Interim Director for Electoral Area C until a new Director has been elected through the upcoming by-election. The RDN thanks Alternate Director Pinker for his time and efforts in fulfilling the role of Interim Director after the passing of Director Young.

For more information on the by-election, visit [rdn.bc.ca/2022by-election](https://rdn.bc.ca/2022by-election).

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