

## NEWS RELEASE

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### Council considers July 8th as date for by-election

#### Summary

Steps to fill the vacant seat left by resigned City Councillor, Wendy Pratt, got underway Monday, April 10 with Nanaimo City Council considering July 8 as the date to hold the required by-election. The proposed date takes into account various upcoming events, including the provincial election in May, summer holidays and facility bookings.

To administer the election process, a total budget of \$150,000 has been recommended, with a final cost of between \$130,000 to \$150,000 expected.

*Strategic Link: N/A*

#### Key Points

- More information concerning the forthcoming by-election, including details on how to run as a candidate, how to register to vote and where to vote will be communicated over the next several weeks.
- Unlike a general election which sees costs shared between the City and the School District, costs incurred during by-elections are borne only by the City.
- The Local Government Act requires the City to appoint a Chief Election Officer for the purpose of conducting a by-election as soon as practicable. Staff have recommended that this appointment occur April 24.

#### Quotes

"Staff have begun taking steps to prepare for the upcoming by-election this July. I encourage everyone to watch for future updates and information between now and voting day."

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