

It's your city... vote November 16

Volunteer Scrutineers Local General Elections Saturday, November 16, 2002

The City of Vancouver has opportunities for volunteer scrutineers in the upcoming election on November 16. If you qualify as a Vancouver elector, you can apply to volunteer as a scrutineer for either the "yes" or "no" side of the questions on the ballot for the City's 2003-2005 Capital Plan.

The questions are as follows:

1. PUBLIC WORKS, PUBLIC SAFETY AND CIVIC FACILITIES

This question seeks authority to borrow funds to be used in carrying out the basic capital works program with respect to Public Works, Public Safety and Civic Facilities.

Are you in favour of Council having the authority, without further approval of the electors, to pass bylaws between January 1, 2003 and December 31, 2005 to borrow an aggregate seventy eight million one hundred thousand dollars (\$78,100,000) for the following purposes?

A. Streets and Bridge Infrastructure

To reconstruct arterial and residential streets and lanes; and to complete bicycle and pedestrian improvements and other major maintenance and upgrading on the City's bridges. **\$16,107,000**

B. Pedestrian and Cycling Facilities

To provide sidewalks, bikeways, curb ramps, greenways, walkways and other facilities in public corridors and open spaces to develop a City-wide network that emphasizes pedestrian and bicycle movements. **\$15,295,000**

C. Transit and Safety Improvements

To provide facilities that improve traffic safety and transit services, including improvements to arterial streets and construction of left turn bays, major maintenance and modifications to existing traffic signals and the construction of new traffic and pedestrian signals. **\$11,589,000**

D. Local Area Improvements

To provide for neighbourhood traffic initiatives that reduce through traffic in neighbourhoods; to provide the City's share of local improvement projects on streets and lanes; including construction of new curbs and gutters, installation of new street and lane lighting, and to provide other beautification features. **\$12,379,000**

E. Street Lighting and Communications

To provide for the replacement of street lighting components that are worn out; to improve street and lane lighting to maintain public safety; and to maintain and upgrade the City's communications systems. **\$6,265,000**

F. Public Safety

To provide for replacement of facilities for the Vancouver Police Department including development of a coordinated training facility. **\$9,620,000**

G. Civic Facilities

To provide for the replacement and rehabilitation of civic facilities which are beyond economical repair and no longer meet operational needs, including replacement and upgrading of Mt. Pleasant Branch Library and rehabilitation of public works yards. **\$6,845,000**

TOTAL \$78,100,000

If this question receives the assent of the electors, Council has the power, without further assent of the electors, to pass by-laws, as and when Council considers appropriate, to borrow money for the projects described up to Seventy Eight Million One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$78,100,000).

2. PARKS AND RECREATION FACILITIES

This question seeks authority to borrow funds to be used in carrying out the basic capital works program with respect to Parks and Recreation.

Are you in favour of Council having the authority, without further approval of the electors, to pass bylaws between January 1, 2003 and December 31, 2005 to borrow an aggregate eighteen million six hundred ninety thousand dollars (\$18,690,000) for the following purposes?

A. Recreation Facilities

To provide for major maintenance, upgrading, replacement or expansion of community centre facilities, ice rinks, field houses, community pools, including Killarney pool, and other parks and recreation facilities. **\$14,920,000**

B. Park Development

To provide for the improvement or development of City-wide and neighbourhood parks, shorelines, sport fields and playgrounds; to continue the planting of street trees in City neighbourhoods; to provide for maintenance and upgrading of major parks including Stanley Park and Queen Elizabeth Park. **\$3,770,000**

TOTAL \$18,690,000

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3. COST SHARED INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS – CITY SHARE

This question seeks authority to borrow funds to be used in providing the City share of funding for basic capital works that receive a majority of their funding from senior governments or other outside sources.

Are you in favour of Council having the authority, without further approval of the electors, to pass bylaws between January 1, 2003 and December 31, 2005 to borrow up to an aggregate twenty million dollars (\$20,000,000) to fund the City share of public works, parks and recreation or other civic projects that receive a majority of their funding from senior governments or other outside sources?

If this question receives the assent of the electors, Council has the power, without further assent of the electors, to pass by-laws, as and when Council considers appropriate, to borrow money for the projects described up to Twenty Million Dollars (\$20,000,000).

You can apply to be a volunteer scrutineer from October 22 to November 1. Applications are available from the Vancouver Election Office, 450 West Broadway, Monday - Friday, 8:30 a.m. - 5 p.m. Applications must be returned to the Election Office by 5 p.m., November 1. Applicants will then be advised of the voting place to which they have been assigned as a volunteer scrutineer.

FOR MORE INFORMATION:

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