



THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF COURTENAY

STAFF REPORT

To: Council

File No.: 4200-01

From: Director of Corporate Services, Chief Election Officer

Date: March 22, 2023

Subject: Public Notice of Late Filing of Campaign Financial Disclosure Statement

PURPOSE: To advise Council, as legislatively required, that a candidate in the 2022 Local Government Election filed their campaign financial disclosure statement late.

CITY MANAGER RECOMMENDATION:

1. THAT the report entitled "Public Notice of Late Filing of Campaign Financial Disclosure Statement" be received for information.

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City Manager (CAO)

BACKGROUND:

The Local Elections Campaign Financing Act (LECFA) came into effect on May 29, 2014, giving Elections BC the authority to administer campaign financial and advertising rules. This Act requires that each individual declared as a candidate in a local government election must file a disclosure statement after the general local election with the BC Chief Electoral Officer.

Section 47 of LECFA requires that candidates file a campaign financing disclosure statement within 90 days after general voting day. Disclosure statements may be filed for another 30 days but are subject to a \$500 late filing fee. Failure to submit a campaign financing disclosure statement prior to the completion of the 120-day filing period, would result in the offending candidates' disqualification from being nominate or elected to the City of Courtenay City Council, the council of another municipality, regional district board, board of school trustees, or the Islands Trust until after the next general local election in 2026.

DISCUSSION:

The following candidate did not file their campaign financing disclosure statement by the January 13, 2023 deadline, which was the last day of the 90-day period:

- Steffan Chmuryk

The candidate was notified by Elections BC.

Steffan Chmuryk did file their campaign financing disclosure statement before the end of the late filing period, February 13, 2023. Mr. Chmuryk was therefore subject to the \$500 late filing fee, but has not been disqualified from being nominated or elected in the next general local government election (2026).

The Local Elections Campaign Financing Act requires that the Chief Election Officer present the name of any candidate or elector organization that did not file a campaign financing disclosure statement within the 90-day filing period to an open meeting of Council as soon as practicable. This report is to comply with the Act.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

None.

ADMINISTRATIVE IMPLICATIONS:

None.

ASSET MANAGEMENT IMPLICATIONS:

None.

STRATEGIC PRIORITIES REFERENCE:

None.

- **AREA OF CONTROL:** The policy, works and programming matters that fall within Council's jurisdictional authority to act
- ▲ **AREA OF INFLUENCE:** Matters that fall within shared or agreed jurisdiction between Council and another government or party
- **AREA OF CONCERN:** Matters of interest that are outside Council's jurisdictional authority to act

OFFICIAL COMMUNITY PLAN REFERENCE:

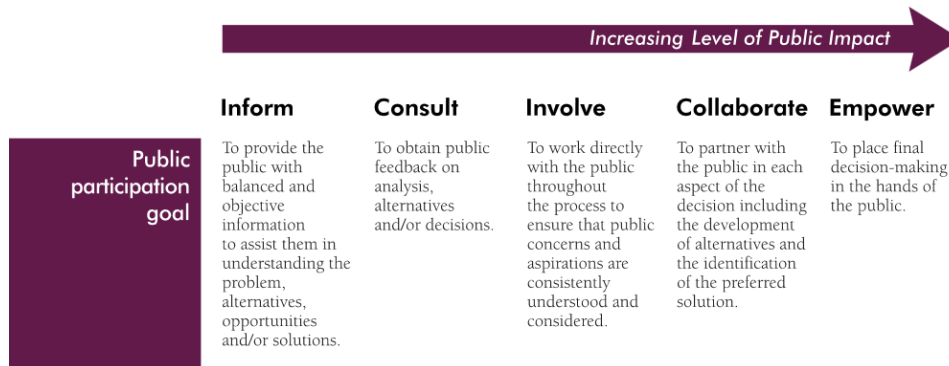
None.

REGIONAL GROWTH STRATEGY REFERENCE:

None.

CITIZEN/PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT:

Staff would inform the public based on the IAP2 Spectrum of Public Participation:



LEGISLATIVE REQUIREMENT:

As Required By
Legislation

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