

Village of Chase Press
2018 Local Government Election Results

December 4, 2018

The Village of Chase confirms that the current Chase Council, duly elected on October 20, 2018, is confirmed and legitimate.

The most recent application to the BC Supreme Court to invalidate the election has been withdrawn.

There have been comments and questions raised amongst some members of the community about the way the election process was conducted. We hope the following will clear up some of the concerns and misconceptions:

- The voting at the Village of Chase municipal election was conducted fairly, in good faith. Elected officials followed all Provincial legislation, bylaws and procedures
- Voters are required to read a declaration and sign their name in a voting book, declaring that they are an eligible voter-the onus as per the current legislation is on each voter to declare they are eligible to vote
- While the election was conducted to the very best of everyone's abilities, mistakes can happen- several voters provided incorrect street addresses, however they in fact had resided in Chase for well over the minimum period for eligibility to vote
- Two voters provided Provincially issued identification that had address errors – this does not make these individuals ineligible to vote
- Some voters live in buildings that don't appear to be residential in nature – they were still eligible to vote as residents of the community
- There were votes cast by mail-in ballot – some of the individuals who applied to vote and sent in ballots were declared ineligible as they do not live in the Village of Chase while others were declared valid
- All candidates running for local office are permitted to have scrutineers at the voting locations at all times – these are individuals who are able to watch all proceedings of voting – no candidates at the election had any scrutineers at either voting location (advance or general) during voting proceedings
- The Provincial legislation allows for communities to use either a voters' list or do same-day registration. The Village of Chase happens to utilize same-day registration. Voters' lists are generated by Elections BC, and are only as current as the last update performed by Elections BC. There is no requirement for Elections BC to ensure the voters' list is current as of 30 days prior to a municipal election. The choice to use a voters list or use same-day registration is a council decision by way of an election bylaw.

We hope this clears up some of the misconceptions. For further information, please contact the Village of Chase office at 250.679.3238.