

**February 3, 2021****For Immediate Release**

## **City of Castlegar Appoints Chief Election Officer & Sets Voting Dates**

Today, Council appointed Nicole Brown as the Chief Election Officer and Tracey Butler and Michelle Anderson as the Deputy Chief Election Officers to lead the by-election resulting from the recent resignation of Mayor Bruno Tassone.

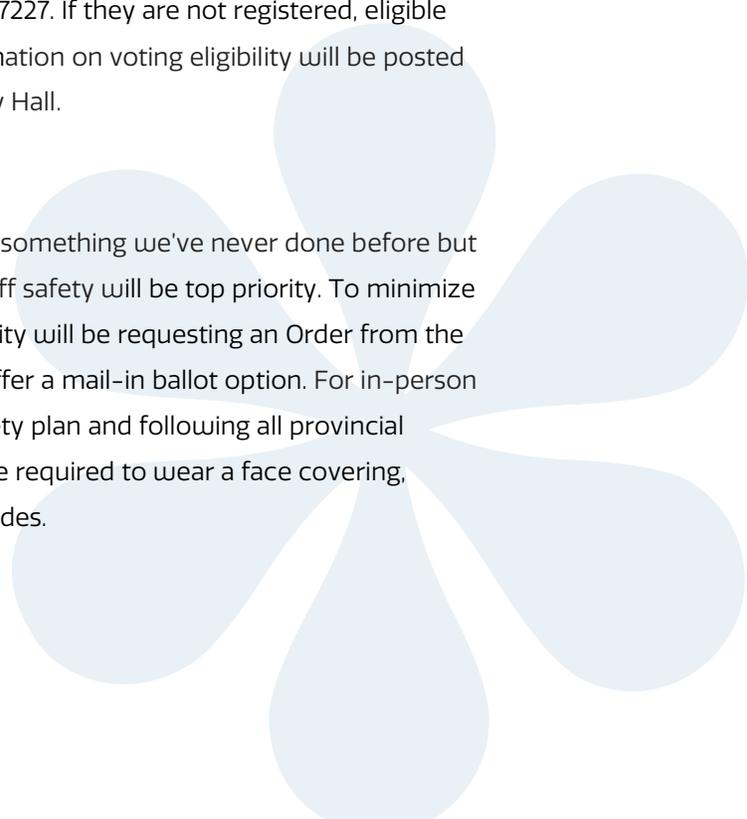
The general voting day will be held on Saturday, April 24, 2021 from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. at the Castlegar & District Recreation Complex (located at 2101 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue). Advance voting will take place on Wednesday, April 14 and Wednesday, April 21 from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. at the Castlegar & District Recreation Complex.

### **General information for voters**

Those interested in voting in the by-election should ensure they are eligible to vote and are registered. Starting March 9, residents can confirm if they are registered on the Provincial voters list by calling City Hall at 250.365.7227. If they are not registered, eligible voters can register on voting days. Detailed information on voting eligibility will be posted at [castlegar.ca/2021byelection](http://castlegar.ca/2021byelection) and available at City Hall.

### **What to expect when voting**

Hosting a by-election during a global pandemic is something we've never done before but we can ensure the community that public and staff safety will be top priority. To minimize the number of people interacting in-person, the City will be requesting an Order from the Ministry of Municipal Affairs to allow the City to offer a mail-in ballot option. For in-person voters, the City will be developing a COVID-19 safety plan and following all provincial protocols; anyone entering the voting place will be required to wear a face covering, sanitize their hands, and follow social distance guides.



## How to become a candidate

All qualified candidates interested in putting their name forward for the 2021 By-election must submit the required Candidate Nomination Package between 9 a.m. on March 9 and 4 p.m. March 19, 2021 in order to be included as a candidate for the City of Castlegar 2021 By-election. Nomination papers and further information for potential candidates will be available at [castlegar.ca/2021byelection](http://castlegar.ca/2021byelection) and City Hall in the coming weeks.

At 4 p.m. on March 19, the Chief Election Officer will announce the candidates for the 2021 By-election. The list of candidates will be advertised in local media and posted to [castlegar.ca/2021byelection](http://castlegar.ca/2021byelection).

## Important dates

**March 9–19:** Candidate Nomination Period

**March 19:** Public declaration of candidates

**April 14:** First advance voting day at the Castlegar & District Recreation Complex

**April 21:** Second advance voting at the Castlegar & District Recreation Complex

**April 24:** General voting day at the Castlegar & District Recreation Complex

## Get more information

Important dates and announcements will be advertised in the Castlegar News, Castlegar Source and the Pennywise. The most current by-election information will always be available at [castlegar.ca/2021byelection](http://castlegar.ca/2021byelection).

The City of Castlegar is a service centre in the West Kootenay. The diversified and growing economy is focused on the forestry, energy and mining sectors in the valley, and commercial services in the City. Quality of life features backcountry adventure and an increasingly dynamic urban culture, including the Millennium Park & Ponds and Sculpture Walk.

## For More Information

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