



FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

November 4, 2022

Application filed requesting new election for Electoral Area 'F' (Cherry Creek)

PORT ALBERNI – The Alberni Clayoquot Regional District has filed a petition with the Supreme Court of British Columbia, seeking that the Electoral Area 'F' (Cherry Creek) election be declared invalid, due to the very close result of the vote and a number of incorrectly completed voter registration forms.

In a review of the voter book following the election, it became apparent that some voter registration forms were not filled in correctly, as required by the *Local Government Act*.

After consulting with legal counsel, Chief Electoral Officer Wendy Thomson initiated proceedings to have the Electoral Area 'F' (Cherry Creek) election declared invalid.

"The ACRD will always protect the integrity of its elections," Thomson explained. "With results this close, where just four votes could change the outcome, it is vital that all voter registration forms are filled out completely. We acknowledge the impacts this may have, but our legal obligations are clear; therefore, we have requested a new election for the office of Director in Electoral Area 'F'."

Legal counsel representing the Regional District intend to present the case in Nanaimo during the week of November 14, 2022. If the Court declares the election invalid, a new election for Area 'F' will be conducted as soon as possible, within the timelines set out in the *Local Government Act*.

-30-

For more information, please contact:

Wendy Thomson, General Manager of Administrative Services
250-720-2706
wthomson@acrd.bc.ca