



Media Release

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Official results declared for RDCK General Local Elections

Nelson, BC: The official results of the October 17, 2026 General Local Elections for Directors to represent the Electoral Areas of the Regional District of Central Kootenay (RDCK) have been declared by the RDCK Chief Elections Officer.

Elections were held in eight of the RDCK's 11 Electoral Areas, while three Directors were acclaimed. In total there will be eight new Directors joining the RDCK Board of Directors, while Aimee Watson, Tom Newell and Teresa Weatherhead will be back for another term.

A total of 5,487 voters participated in the eight elections, out of 21,440 eligible voters in areas A, B, C, E, G, H, J and K. The average voter turnout was 25.59%.

The incoming RDCK Board will include the following Electoral Area Directors:

Electoral Area	Director	Acclaimed/Elected
Area A	Forrest Demman	Elected – New
Area B	Danny Turner	Elected – New
Area C	Mike Martell	Elected – New
Area D	Aimee Watson	Acclaimed – Incumbent
Area E	Landon Veregin	Elected – New
Area F	Tom Newell	Acclaimed – Incumbent
Area G	Anna Bundschuh	Elected – New
Area H	Will Parker	Elected – New
Area I	Chris Popoff	Acclaimed – New
Area J	Gordon Zaitsoff	Elected – New
Area K	Teresa Weatherhead	Elected - Incumbent

Municipal Directors representing the nine RDCK member municipalities will be appointed at their inaugural Council meetings. All Directors will be sworn in at the inaugural RDCK Board meeting on November 19, 2026.

The final determination of the voting results follows.

**REGIONAL DISTRICT OF CENTRAL KOOTENAY
GENERAL LOCAL ELECTIONS VOTING RESULTS – FINAL DETERMINATION**

ELECTORAL AREA A

ALL VOTING STATIONS	FORREST DEMMAN	GARRY JACKMAN	SPOILED/REJECTED	TOTAL
VOTER TURNOUT: 28% (1921 on the Voters List)	270	265	5	540

ELECTORAL AREA B

ALL VOTING STATIONS	ROGER TIERNEY	DANNY TURNER	SPOILED/REJECTED	TOTAL
VOTER TURNOUT: 18% (4093 on the Voters List)	259	488	5	752

ELECTORAL AREA C

ALL VOTING STATIONS	MIKE MARTELL	KELLY VANDENBERGHE	SPOILED/REJECTED	TOTAL
VOTER TURNOUT: 27% (1229 on the Voters List)	213	125	3	341

ELECTORAL AREA E

ALL VOTING STATIONS	ERIN FITCHETT	LANDON VEREGIN	SPOILED/REJECTED	TOTAL
VOTER TURNOUT: 29% (3765 on the Voters List)	542	558	7	1107

ELECTORAL AREA G

ALL VOTING STATIONS	ANNA BUNDSCHUH	SUSAN CHEW	NATHEN RUSHFORTH	SPOILED/REJECTED	TOTAL
VOTER TURNOUT: 31% (1452 on the Voters List)	282	53	116	4	455

ELECTORAL AREA H

ALL VOTING STATIONS	JAE HAMILTON	WILL PARKER	KEVIN SHAW	SPOILED/REJECTED	TOTAL
VOTER TURNOUT: 26% (4258 on the Voters List)	16	794	302	14	1126

ELECTORAL AREA J

ALL VOTING STATIONS	HENNY HANEGRAAF	GORDON ZAITSOFF	SPOILED/REJECTED	TOTAL
VOTER TURNOUT: 21% (3090 on the Voters List)	311	348	2	661

ELECTORAL AREA K

ALL VOTING STATIONS	TINA KNOOIHUZEN	TERESA WEATHERHEAD	SPOILED/REJECTED	TOTAL
VOTER TURNOUT: 31% (1632 on the Voters List)	64	437	4	505

Incorporated in 1965, the Regional District of Central Kootenay (RDCK) is a local government that serves 60,000 residents in 11 electoral areas and nine member municipalities. The RDCK provides more than 160 services, including community facilities, fire protection and emergency services, grants, planning and land use, regional parks, resource recovery and handling, transit, water services and much more. For more information about the RDCK, visit www.rdck.ca.

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