

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

TO: Board of Directors

FROM: J. Zaffino, Chief Administrative Officer

DATE: May 7, 2026

RE: **Report of Assent Vote Results-Sage Mesa Water System Service**

Purpose:

To meet the requirements of the *Local Government Act* regarding submission of a report for the Sage Mesa Water System Service assent voting results to the local government.

Strategic Priorities:

Operational

Background & Analysis:

On April 11, 2026, eligible electors voted on the establishment of a proposed service area for the Sage Mesa Water Service and a loan authorization bylaw to fund capital upgrades.

Electors were asked:

“Are you in favour of the Regional District of Okanagan-Similkameen adopting Sage Mesa Water System Service Establishment Bylaw No. 3075, 2024, to acquire, maintain and operate the Sage Mesa Water System;

and

Sage Mesa Water System Loan Authorization Bylaw No. 3076, 2024, to authorize the borrowing of up to \$33,034,000.00 (Thirty-three million, thirty-four thousand dollars) for capital upgrades to the Sage Mesa Water System?”.

In accordance with Section 158 of the *Local Government Act*, within 30 days after the declaration of official election results, the Chief Election Officer must submit a report to the local government of the results.

Attached to this report is the Determination of Official Assent Voting Results for the Sage Mesa Water System Service Establishment and Loan Authorization Bylaw.

BALLOT ACCOUNT RECONCILIATION

(1) Number of ballots received for use		1,250
(2) Ballots without objection	453	
(3) Ballots accepted subject to objection under LGA s.140		
(4) Ballots rejected without objection (including blanks)	4	
(5) Ballots rejected subject to objection under LGA s.140		
(6) Spoiled ballots that were replaced under LGA s.128	1	
(7) Number of ballots given to the electors (2+3+4+5+6)	458	
(8) Unused ballots	790	
(9) Number of ballots not accounted for	2	
(10) TOTAL (7+8+9) No. 1 & No. 10 must agree		1,250

In summary, the results are as follows:

Yes – 136 votes

No – 317 votes

Bylaw No. 3075, 2024 Sage Mesa Water System Service Establishment and Bylaw No. 3076, 2024 Sage Mesa Water System Loan Authorization did not receive elector assent.

Financial Implications:

Financial implications for reporting out have been considered and none were found.

Communication Strategy:

Information has been posted on the RDOS website, social media channels, and sent to local media via email. The results have been provided to Elections BC.

Will a PowerPoint presentation be presented at the meeting? No

Respectfully submitted:

“Tracey Batten”

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Chief Election Officer

“Marc Aucoin”

M. Aucoin, Legislative Services Coordinator
Deputy Chief Election Officer

Endorsed by:

“Jim Zaffino”

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