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ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

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Meeting Date: May 1, 2012

TO: Vancouver City Council
FROM: Chief Election Officer
SUBJECT: Campaign Financing Disclosure Statements for 2011 General Local Election
- Disqualification From Running For Office

RECOMMENDATION

THAT the following report be received for Information.

REPORT SUMMARY

Section 64.2 of the Vancouver Charter requires that the City Clerk present to an open meeting of Council the name of any candidate, elector organization or campaign organizer that did not file a disclosure statement by the end of the late filing period and did not pay the late penalty of \$500. Under the Vancouver Charter, if a candidate (or elector organization/campaign organizer) fails to file by April 18 and pay the late penalty, they are disqualified from running for office (or endorsing a candidate), in any municipality in the Province until after the next general local election. This report is to comply with the statutory requirement to report to Council.

COUNCIL AUTHORITY/PREVIOUS DECISIONS

There is no related Council authority.

CITY MANAGER'S/GENERAL MANAGER'S COMMENTS

The City Manager submits this report for information.

REPORT

Background/Context

Section 62.2 of the Vancouver Charter requires that candidates and elector organizations file a campaign financing disclosure statement within 120 days after general voting day of the election. If they do not file within this period, they can file their disclosure statement within the following 30 days. However, a late filing penalty of \$500 must be paid to the City. The late filing deadline was April 18, 2012. Under sections 64 and 64.1 of the Charter, if a candidate (or elector organization/campaign organizer) fails to file by April 18 and pay the late penalty, they are disqualified from running for office (or endorsing a candidate), in any municipality in the Province until after the next general local election.

Strategic Analysis

The following candidates did not file campaign financing disclosure statements during the 30 day late filing period and did not pay the late penalty by the April 18th deadline::

- Lloyd Alan Cooke (candidate for Mayor)
- Samuel Pelletier (candidate for Mayor)
- Lauren Gill (candidate for Councillor)
- Aaron Spires (candidate for Councillor)
- Francis Wong (candidate for Councillor)
- Andrew Murray (candidate for Park Commissioner)
- Tammy Truong (candidate for Park Commissioner)

These candidates are disqualified from being nominated or elected to the Vancouver City Council, the council of another municipality, regional district board, board of school trustees, or the Islands Trust, until after the next general local election in 2014. The list of disqualified candidates will be sent to the Inspector of Municipalities.

Implications/Related Issues/Risk (if applicable)

Financial

Two late filing penalties were submitted to the City.

CONCLUSION

Section 64.2 of the Vancouver Charter requires that the City Clerk present to an open meeting of Council the name of any candidate, elector organization or campaign organizer that did not file a disclosure statement by the end of the late filing period and did not pay the late penalty of \$500. Under the Vancouver Charter, if a candidate (or elector organization/campaign organizer) fails to file by April 18 and pay the late penalty, they are disqualified from running for office (or endorsing a candidate), in any municipality in the Province until after the next general local election. This report is to comply with the statutory requirement to report to Council.