

**For immediate release
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**Official election results for Squamish-Lillooet Regional District
*Inaugural Board meeting in November***

Pemberton, BC – The Squamish-Lillooet Regional District (SLRD) has shared its official election results for the 2026 General Local Election.

The SLRD is governed by an 11-member Board of Directors composed of four Electoral Area Directors (Areas A, B, C and D) and seven Municipal Directors: District of Lillooet (1), Village of Pemberton (1), Resort Municipality of Whistler (2) and District of Squamish (3).

In a general local election, an electoral area director may be elected by acclamation (in the case of a single qualified candidate) or by voting (where there is more than one qualified candidate). Each Municipal Director on the SLRD Board is appointed by their respective Council from their elected members.

The 2026 General Local Election took place on Saturday, October 17. In the SLRD, two Electoral Area directors were elected by voting and two were elected by acclamation.

The official results were released at 4 p.m. on Tuesday, October 20, 2026, and include:

- Electoral Area A: John Courchesne (elected by voting)
- Electoral Area B: Vivian Birch-Jones (elected by acclamation)
- Electoral Area C: Veronica Woodruff (elected by acclamation)
- Electoral Area D: Paula de Jong (elected by voting)

In Area A, the total number of ballots submitted through advance voting, mail and on general election day was 113, with 88 votes cast for Courchesne.

In Area D, the total number of ballots submitted through advance voting, mail and on general election day was 386 with 241 votes cast for de Jong.

These results are available on the SLRD website: <https://www.slrd.bc.ca/inside-slrd/legislative-services/general-local-elections/2026-general-local-election-results>

"Thank you to all who participated in this year's general local election. The strong interest and engagement shown throughout the election reflects the value placed on having a voice in local decision-making," said SLRD Chief Election Officer, Angela Belsham. "We also extend our appreciation to the candidates, election workers and staff whose dedication helped ensure a fair, accessible, and successful election. Your participation is a vital part of a healthy and vibrant democracy."

The inaugural meeting of the SLRD Board of Directors is November 26, 2026. The election of Chair and Vice-Chair for the upcoming year will also take place at that meeting.

SLRD Board and Committee meeting agendas and minutes are available on the [SLRD website](#).

Board and Committee meetings can be attended in person at the SLRD administration office in Pemberton, B.C. or watched via livestream or recording. Livestream is available on the [SLRD website](#) and recordings are posted to the SLRD [YouTube channel](#).

Elections for the SLRD are administered by the Corporate Services department. For election related enquiries, please contact election@slrd.bc.ca or call 604-894-6371 ext. 0 during business hours.

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About the Squamish-Lillooet Regional District

Located in southwestern BC, the Squamish-Lillooet Regional District (SLRD) is a local government federation consisting of four member municipalities (the District of Lillooet, the District of Squamish, the Village of Pemberton and the Resort Municipality of Whistler) and four unincorporated, rural electoral areas (A, B, C, and D). Headquartered in Pemberton, which is the approximate geographic centre of the region, the SLRD delivers a wide range of local, regional and sub-regional services to approximately 50,496 residents (2021 Census as certified by the Minister of Municipal Affairs).

The Squamish-Lillooet Regional District is found within the traditional territories of several First Nations, including the Skwxwú7mesh Úxwumixw (Squamish), St'át'imc and Líl'wat. Small parts of the SLRD also overlap with the traditional territories of the Stó:lō, Tsleil-Waututh, Nlaka'pamux, Tsilhqot'in, and Secwepemc Nations. While the SLRD does not provide direct services to the residents of the First Nations communities located within the region, the organization is committed to enhancing relations with the Indigenous communities and First Nations within whose territories the SLRD operates.

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