## Scrutineers - What is the role of a scrutineer?

Scrutineers observe referendum voting procedures and scrutinize the ballot-counting process during the voting opportunity. Scrutineers in attendance at a voting place must make a solemn declaration to preserve the secrecy of the ballot. Scrutineers can only observe the count. They are not allowed to handle any ballots or to in any way assist with or interfere with the counting proceedings.

## Who can be a scrutineer at the referendum voting opportunities?

Any person who is qualified to vote as an elector in the referendum, who are not election officials or trustees are entitled to apply to act as scrutineers during the referendum voting. Only 1 scrutineer for the referendum question and 1 scrutineer against the referendum question can be present at voting places, at counting proceedings.

## How do you apply to become a scrutineer?

Applications to act as a scrutineer will be received by the Returning Officer or Deputy Returning Officer at the office of the:

Cherry Creek Waterworks District 5920-A Cherry Creek Road Port Alberni, BC V9Y 8R7

during the period:

## 9:30 a.m., Tuesday, May 20, 2025 TO 2:00 p.m., Thursday, May 29, 2025

Applications will only be received during regular office days and hours, Tuesday to Thursday, 9:30 am to 2:00 pm during this period.

Application forms are available at the Cherry Creek Waterworks District Office, 5920-A Cherry Creek Road, Port Alberni, BC during regular office hours or can be downloaded <u>here</u>.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION** on the referendum, voting process or scrutineer application process, please visit the Cherry Creek Waterworks District website at <u>www.cherrycreekwater.com</u> or contact:

Wes Kovacs, Returning Officer Kate Messenger, Deputy Returning Officer Phone: (250) 723-2214 Email: ccww@shaw.ca