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Monday, March 14, 2011

Re: Official Report: Mayne Island Improvement District New Firehall Referendum, March 12, 2011: Results

Total ballots issued:	1892
Total ballots rejected :	1
Total ballots spoiled:	1
Total ballots spoiled: printing defect:	100
Total ballots unused:	487
Total ballots cast:	1232
Total Mail In Declarations rejected	66
Total number of "Yes" votes:	414
Total number of "No" votes:	817

IMPORTANT NOTE:

Rejected ballots:

Rejected ballots are ballots that are issue to the voter, returned to the ballot box and rejected by the Presiding Officer at the time of the ballot count.

Declarations rejected:

Result from the Mail In and Absentee voting process only. A completed Declaration information was a mandatory requirement to qualify the vote and to be matched with, and entered into the property owner books as voted. The fully qualified ballot was placed into the ballot box. Rejection causes were mainly because the Declaration from was not complete in the majority of the cases, the signee was not on the property owners list, or no information enclosed, in any manner that would permit the Returning Officer to assign the ballot to property owner.

The rejected Declarations thus fell into 2 categories: assigned (42) and unassigned (25).

The ballots involved in this process never entered the ballot box as they did not meet the qualifications.

Spoiled Ballots:

For clarification: a spoiled ballot is one where a voter has recognized making a mistake prior to putting the ballot into the box. The ballot is returned to the Presiding Officer, and the voter is issued a new ballot, once only. A spoiled ballot NEVER enters the ballot box.

For clarification for the count: I have separately defined the Spoiled ballots, since 100 were not involved with voting procedures in any fashion. Two ballot books of 50 ballots each were removed from the process by the Returning Officer, from the middle of the Mail In Ballot sequential numbering due to definable printing defects on the face of the ballots.

The one remaining ballot tore at a corner when being removed from the ballot book in the Absentee Ballot voting and was accounted for in the final count balancing.

No ballots were actually spoiled by voters.

Further Notes:

A detailed report on an item by item basis, including the financial statement and detailed costs of the mail in ballot process will follow within the next 2 weeks. This report will include recommendations for future referenda.

To meet legal time sensitive requirement, I am forwarding this via e-mail and I will present a signed copy to the MIID Board at the monthly meeting Thursday, March 17, 2011. At that time I will answer any questions from the Board, within my capability.

Please note that the Returning Officer's mailbox has been closed and all future mail to that address will be returned to sender.

The Returning Officer's webpage has been removed from the MIID website as of Monday, March 14, 2011, and links to the RO webpage via Monica's Mayne Island website has been removed as of Friday, March 11, 2011.

Respectfully submitted,

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Returning Officer