



## CENTRAL COAST REGIONAL DISTRICT

DATE: 13 October 2016

TO: Board Chair Alison Sayers and Board Members

FROM: Darla Blake, Chief Administrative Officer

SUBJECT: Appointment of Electoral Area A Director

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### BACKGROUND

Following the resignations of Director McCullagh and Alternate Director Coutts from Electoral Area A, the board appointed a Chief Election Officer so a by-election could be held to fill the director's position in Electoral Area A.

For the interim the Board appointed an Alternate Director for Electoral Area A, (Mr. Frank Johnson from Rivers Inlet), pursuant to section 201(5) LGA 2015.

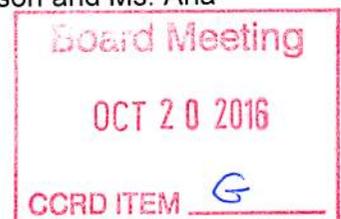
A by – election process was undertaken with only one nomination being received via email (from Ms. Ana Santos, President of the CCCC on Denny Island). The original nomination documents were to arrive at the CCRD office no later than 4.00pm on 9 September 2016, in order to be a valid. Unfortunately, the original documents did not arrive until Monday 12 September 2016. Therefore in accordance with sec 89(5) LGA, 2015 the candidate was deemed to have withdrawn.

On Monday 12 September 2016, the Chief Elections Officer made her declaration, of no candidates. The Ministry of Community Sport and Cultural Development accepted the Chief Election Officer's decision to declare no candidates and to action section 100 of the *Local Government Act, 2015*, which requires the Board to make an appointment to fill the vacant position.

### Gathering information for an appointment by the board

At the time the board appointed an interim Alternate Director for Electoral Area A, several names were put forward by the board.

For the Director's appointment, as a starting place, all the persons considered during the interim Alternate Director process and Ms. Ana Santos were approached to see if they would like to have the opportunity to put forward information about themselves for board consideration during the appointment process. Only two persons said they would be interested in having the board consider them as the potential Director for Electoral Area A – Mr. Frank Johnson and Ms. Ana



Santos. Both have provided information about themselves or had others write to me about them (see attached information to this report).

The board of course can also suggest other persons who they may wish to appoint to the position. The information contained herein is just a starting point for the board discussion.

The person who is appointed by the board as Director Electoral Area A will be sworn in at the November 10, 2016 meeting of the CCRD board.

However, in the event there is a tie in the voting, or if the board is unable to make a decision for any other reason, then the CCRD will have "failed to make an appointment" and the Minister of Community Sport and Cultural Development must appoint a person to the vacant office, as per s.100(2) of the LGA.

Respectfully submitted



Darla Blake  
**Chief Administrative Officer**

# **APPOINTMENT OF ELECTORAL AREA A DIRECTOR**

Background and/or supporting information for:

**Mr. Frank Johnson**

**FRANK JOHNSON of Oweekeno, Rivers Inlet has been appointed Interim Electoral Area A alternate director by the Central Coast Regional District (CCRD) at a special board meeting held 4 August 2016. The appointment follows the resignations of Electoral Area A director Cathi McCullagh and Alternate Director Electoral Area A, Clint Coutts.**

**Mr. Johnson will hold the position of Alternate Director for Electoral Area A until the conclusion of a by-election to be held in early October.**

**Mr. Johnson brings a wealth of experience and governance knowledge to the CCRD board table including:**

- **Chief Elect for Wuikinuxv Nation for 32 years**
- **Mid Coast Training Society director**
- **Director for the Wuikinuxv/Kitasoo/Nuxalk Tribal Council**
- **Wuikinuxv Economic Development Corporation, director**
- **Kvamua Enterprise Ltd, trustee**
- **Board Trustee, School District 49**
- **Coast First Nations, director**

**His committee experience includes:**

- **Wuikinuxv Education**
- **Wuikinuxv Health**
- **First Nations Health**
- **Wuikinuxv Financial Management, and recently appointed to**
- **Aboriginal Education Committee for the British Columbia School Trustees Association (BCSTA)**

**Mr. Johnson will be officially sworn in at the regular board meeting of the CCRD, to be held Thursday 8 September 2016 in Bella Coola.**

## **APPOINTMENT OF ELECTORAL AREA A DIRECTOR**

Background and/or supporting information for:

**Ms. Ana Santos**

## Darla Blake

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**From:** Ana Santos <ana.santos@telus.net>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, October 05, 2016 7:54 AM  
**To:** asayers@ccrd-bc.ca; rmoody@ccrd-bc.ca; 'Samuel Schooner'; 'Richard Hall'; nugwa.sisulth@gmail.com; 'Darla Blake'; 'Cheryl Waugh CCRD'; 'Wendy Kingsley'  
**Subject:** CCRD appointment, Ana Santos, qualifications  
**Attachments:** Patricia Heintzman, Mayor of Squamish 2014-2018.pdf; Greg Gardner, Mayor of Squamish 2008-2011.pdf

Attention: CCRD Board of Directors, CCRD CAO, Chief Election Officer, Deputy Chief Election Officer

Dear Sirs and Madams,

I was advised that today is the final deadline to provide you with information regarding my experience relevant to the appointment of CCRD Area A Director. Although I have previously resisted this, I do not wish to give you a single reason to disregard me as the rightful, ethical choice to fill the vacant seat at your Board table, hence;

I have decided to fulfill your request in the form of reference letters of recommendation from local government officials past and present (attached).

Greg Gardner was Mayor of Squamish from 2008 to 2011; Patricia Heintzman is the current Mayor of the same town. Notwithstanding their extremely different views and approach, both of them equally allowed me to experience and participate in local governance positively and constructively.

As they have done, I could tell you that my 21 years as a professional language specialist grant me organizational and communication skills that are essential to any form of public service. I could also provide you with the endless list of boards, committees and groups in which I have assisted playing a wide variety of roles, first and foremost, however, in the simple but basic capacity of a fully engaged citizen. Instead, I will tell you what matters the most:

Last Friday Sept 30, it was 12 years since I arrived in Canada. The warm smile and "welcome home" greeting that I was presented with the moment I stepped out of the plane into Vancouver airport dissolved in a matter of seconds all the anxiety attached to the ordeal of arriving by myself in a country where I knew no-one. I am grateful to this day, and the hundreds of hours of disinterested, voluntary community service that I choose to dedicate to the special places where I find myself at home are my way of giving back. I believe it would be of great benefit to the wonderful Central Coast region if you took advantage of that.

Respectfully,

Ana Santos  
PO Box 56  
Denny Island, BC V0T 1B0

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From: Darla Blake [mailto:cao@ccrd-bc.ca]  
Sent: Thursday, September 22, 2016 11:15 AM  
To: Ana Santos  
Subject: Are you interested in your name going forward to serve as the Electoral Area A Director? Please advise by tomorrow, Friday 23 September

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Greg Gardner

40310 Government Rd. Squamish, B.C. [greg@greggardnergm.com](mailto:greg@greggardnergm.com) 604-815-3663

September 24, 2016

Central Coast Regional District  
626 Cliff St. PO Box 186  
Bella Coola, B.C.  
V0T 1C0

Attention: Chairman, Board of Directors

Dear Sirs and Madams,

Re: CCRD Area A Director

I write this letter in support of the appointment of Ana Santos as CCRD Director representing Area A.

I first met Ms. Santos in 2009 while I was Mayor of the District of Squamish, B.C. She approached me as the founder of Squamish Climate Action Network. I soon learned that she was well informed, collaborative, constructive, realistic and respectful in her community work. This made her extremely effective and she had many successes in that role including: Education (movie series, guest lectures and field trips dealing with topics such as local food production, waste reduction and energy and water conservation), Transportation (increasing public transit usage and reducing emissions); Food (establishing community gardens and providing farm opportunities); Waste (many projects but in particular creating Squamish's first re-use-it fair which thrives annually to this day); Energy (initiatives to reduce consumption and promote new technologies such as a solar thermal water heater at a local elementary school); and Water (projects included distribution of rain barrels, bottled water ban and public water fountains).

During this time period I became aware of additional qualities of Ms. Santos. For example, Ana has a very successful career as a language interpreter which typically involves translating technical documents from English to Spanish. This success has allowed her to work flexible hours giving her time for community work. It also allows her to live wherever there is internet service.

Of particular note is her ability to collaborate and communicate with not only her own organization and local government but also businesses, special interest groups and individuals of all backgrounds, interests and goals. Again, this was made possible by Ana's consistently informed, positive and respectful approach.

Ms. Santos successes in our area resulted in her being nominated and running for a major political party in the last B.C. Provincial election. I was Chair of the campaign of the opposing candidate who was running for the other major party. As a result I attended a number of campaign events and all candidates meetings. Ana conducted a knowledgeable, constructive and vigorous campaign garnering the support of many people from all walks of life. Her performance and degree of support was impressive.

Ana moved to Denny Island some years ago and my wife and I visited her this month. It is readily apparent that she is passionate about the region. She has integrated into many aspects of community life and is proud to call the central coast home.

In summary, I can without hesitation or qualification recommend Ana Santos for the position of CCRD Director representing Area A. Her demonstrated high integrity, work ethic, collaborative approach and community experience will make her a valuable asset to the board.

Please contact me at any time should you have any questions or require more detail.

Sincerely,

Greg Gardner

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Owner, Greg Gardner GM

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Central Coast Regional District

October 3, 2016

Central Coast Regional District Board  
Po Box 186  
Bella Coola, BC V0T 1C0

**Re: Ana Santos Director Appointment**

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Chair Sayers and the Board of Central Coast Regional District,

I write to offer my support for Ana Santos in the appointment process for the position of Director for Electoral Area A of the CCRD.

I realize circumstances have led to an appointment of this position instead of the traditional democratic process of an election. I also understand that Ana made every attempt to ensure the proper processes were followed and were it not for a considerable delay in traditional mail service, Ms. Santos' application would be valid.

Ana was an active citizen in Squamish for many years.

I first met Ana via email when she wrote to me about the bus transit service in Squamish. She was articulate, respectful and determined to make a case for better bus service. This was done behind the scenes in a relatively quiet way at first but one could tell from those well-articulated and compelling emails that Ana was just finding her voice.

Ana then literally started a movement in Squamish. She mobilized a passionate group of citizens from a film series on climate change into a going concern that took on, with energy and conviction, the task of helping educate our citizens and influence decision makers, with regard to climate change and the many aspects that were within our collective ability to influence. Ana's Squamish Climate Action Network has been around for about 7 years now and does amazing work in our community on such things as energy efficiency and innovation, community waste, transit, and food security to name a few. It was Ana's enigmatic leadership, energy and conviction that was the catalyst to this group's amazing and lasting influence.

I always hoped Ana would run for Squamish Council someday, however she found a new home on the Central Coast and now your community gets the benefit of her unique brand of leadership.

Ana will push you to be better and think differently; She will do her job with diligence, respect and passion.

I have sat on the Squamish Lillooet Regional District Board for eight years, part of that time as Chair. I know the inherent challenges and I can only imagine some of the more specific issues that you face.

**It is with confidence that I recommend Ana become a member of your Board. She will not always agree with you nor you with her. I know for sure that she will work hard for her constituents and she will do so with respect and conviction and will ultimately help make everyone a little better. That was certainly my experience with Ana in Squamish.**

**Best of luck in your deliberations.**

**Sincerely,**

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Patricia Heintzman', with a long, sweeping horizontal stroke extending to the right.

**Patricia Heintzman  
Mayor, District of Squamish**

## Darla Blake

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**From:** Alison Sayers <asayers@ccrd-bc.ca>  
**Sent:** Monday, October 03, 2016 1:39 PM  
**To:** cao@ccrd-bc.ca  
**Subject:** fw: Director Area A

Hi Darla

Below is an email from an Area A constituent regarding the appointment of an Area A director, for the board's consideration during October.

Alison Sayers  
Central Coast Regional District  
Chair and Director Area C

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**From:** "Jim Hadley" <jimhad@shaw.ca>  
**Sent:** Friday, September 16, 2016 10:11 AM  
**To:** "Alison Sayers" <asayers@ccrd-bc.ca>  
**Subject:** Director Area A

Hi Allison

My name is James Hadley and I am a resident of Denny Island and a former Director for Area A.

I am writing to you as someone who is concerned about the community and area in which I live.

As you well know the residents of Area A are without a duly elected representative.

The person that was appointed as an interim Director obviously does not wish to continue in this role as he did not put his name forward for the byelection.

I know that due to a technicality there are no nominees for this position.

I believe that if as the duly elected government body representing the residents of the Central Coast you have no choice but to either appoint Ana Santos to this position or set a new date for nominations and a byelection.

I know that you may not think that Miss Santos would be a good fit for the board, but believe me Miss Santos only acts with the best interest of the residents of Area A, and only after consulting and getting approval from the communities which she looks to represent.

As you should know by now she is an excellent researcher and dilligent worker on behalf of the people she represents, and would only be a valuable asset to the CCRD.

Thank you for your time

Yours truly

James Hadley

Sent from my Sony Xperia™ smartphone