

Community Voters Challenge 2011 vs 2015 Analysis

Contest Area	2011 Elections Canada Data			2015 Elections Canada Data			Comparison 2011 vs 2015 Increase	
	# Voters	# Registered Electors	% Participa - tion	# Voters	# Registered Electors	% Participa - tion	Contest Area	% Participa - tion
Castlegar and Areas I&J	6,515	10,611	61%	8,618	11,817	73%	Castlegar and Areas I&J	11.5%
Fernie	2,395	3,731	64%	3,043	4,044	75%	Fernie	11.1%
Grand Forks	2,349	3,791	62%	2,821	3,963	71%	Grand Forks	9.2%
Kaslo & Area D	1,251	1,780	70%	1,454	1,877	77%	Kaslo & Area D	7.2%
Nakusp	879	1,411	62%	1,067	1,433	74%	Nakusp	12.2%
Nelson and Areas E&F	8,518	13,219	64%	10,887	14,454	75%	Nelson and Areas E&F	10.9%
New Denver	455	683	67%	527	674	78%	New Denver	11.6%
Rossland	1,922	2,798	69%	2,492	3,063	81%	Rossland	12.7%
Slocan	360	494	73%	452	540	84%	Slocan	10.8%
Grand Total	24,644	38,518	64%	31,361	41,865	75%	Grand Total	10.9%

Observations:

CHALLENGE WINNER

City of Rossland ... 12.7% increase in voter turnout

Then:

Nakusp ...	12.2%
New Denver ...	11.6%
Castlegar & Areas I & J ...	11.5%
Fernie ...	11.1%
Nelson & Areas E & F ...	10.9%
Slocan ...	10.8%
Grand Forks ...	9.2%
Kaslo & Area D ...	7.2%

NOTE:

Some areas did not necessarily show well above, because they already had a very good turnout, and so their increase was smaller.

Example: Kaslo & Area D had a final turnout of 77% (4th highest of our communities) but already had a turnout in 2011 of 70% , thus the lower increase of 7.2%.

VOTER TURNOUT

Nationally, the 2015 voter turnout was 68%

In BC, the 2015 voter turnout was 70%

In both Kootenay Columbia and in South Okanagan West Kootenay – our two Ridings -- the overall 2015 voter turnout was 73%

That is the context for the voter turnout in our competing communities (in order):

Slocan	84%
Rosland	81%
New Denver	78%
Kaslo & Area D	77%
Nelson & Areas E & F	75%
Fernie	75%
Nakusp	74%
Castlegar & Areas I & J	73%
Grand Forks	71%

Average 75% (an increase of 11%)

VOTER REGISTRATION NUMBERS

It's worth noting that some of our communities excelled in increasing the number of registered voters:

Castlegar & Areas I & J		11.4%
Nelson & Areas E & F	9%	
Rossland	9%	
Slocan	9%	