18. REPORT OF THE ELECTORAL OFFICER

The Board considered the written report of the Electoral Officer.

The Board **received** the information. The Board commended the Electoral Officer for the work he did. The Board requested that a report be provided with the following information:

- 1. Any reasons for the lower number of residential electors enrolled in the Hagley Ward; Any reasons for the lower voter turnout of electors in the Hagley Ward; whether there is any correlation between the two figures.
- 2. The justification for allowing a vote for ratepayer electors.
- 3. A breakdown by each ward of the informal votes over the last four elections.
- 4. A breakdown by ward of the voting statistics. Reasons for why community boards were not consulted for the survey.
- 5. A breakdown by ward of the costs of the election and the cost of the candidate profile booklets. Whether it would have been possible to include generic contact information on each statement in the profile booklet as not every candidate had contact information.
- 6. How many hits did the website generate?

The Board would like an opportunity to discuss these issues more fully possibly at a seminar meeting.